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# City Council To Vote On Off-Campus Housing

## *Emotions Run High As College Officials and Homeowners Debate Ordinance No. 59*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

The future of "off-campus" living will become endangered if Ordinanace No. 59 passes through the Allentown City Council. The Ordinance will ban student residences in the neighborhoods surrounding the college. However, houses that are already occupied with students will remain so under a grandfather clause.

On August 26, The Allentown City Planning Commission heard statements from the public and representatives from Muhlenberg concerning the proposed zoning change.

Advocates believe passing the ordinance will maintain the residential character of the neighborhood.

Supporters of the ordinance contend students contribute noise, litter, overcrowding, and parking problems to the area.

These problems and the lack of maintainance of the structures and grounds the students occupy "infringe on the quiet enjoyment of single family owner occupied residences."

Bob Freed, an advocate of the bill argues, "[Passing of Ordinance No. 59] will preserve residential rights.

"By law, students are not a discriminated class. Zoning laws restrict; they do not discriminate. Muhlenberg College has been successful without housing students off-campus and will continue to do so [in the future]."

The main concern for advocates continues to be the deterioration of a single family neighborhood.

Joe Hartman believes, "Landlords rent to students at twice the market rate, while preventing families from moving into homes."

Many of these advocates are Muhlenberg College alumni, who are speaking out against the college.

***Muhlenberg College attorney Maxwell Davidson speaks at the August 26 hearing before the Allentown Planning Commission.***

Not all year-round residents favor the ordinance. Henry Acres, a Muhlenberg graduate, believes the passing of the ordinance will hinder the college's growth. "Muhlenberg College is experiencing growing pains. Good students want to go to Muhlenberg College. If students wanted to raise hell, there are better places other than Muhlenberg to do so." William Glaze, an Allentown resident living outsideof the area to be affected by the ordinance, does not agree that this situation should require special zoning.

"None of you came to save me when I lost my neighborhood. The two houses next door to me should be torn down. Would you be just as concerned if Muhlenberg was located downtown?"

The most overwhelming opposition to the ordinance came from Student Council Finance Manager Lauren Ravit.

Ravit pointed out the college's Jefferson Field Day program and assistance to local elderly as positive contributions to the community.

She also mentioned her personal involvement in teaching at a local Hebrew School and demanded year-round residents to explain how students do not contribute to a solid family-like community.

Dean of Students, Rudy Ehrenberg also spoke on the situation. "[The college] has made the [off-campus] situation better."

He pointed out that the college has

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# The 'Berg changes with the times

## *Students return from the summer to a work in progress on campus*

by Tony J. Powell
*Weekly* News Writer

As the year slowly gets underway and you settle into classes and ease back into the Muhlenberg Rhythm, take a moment and look around you. All over campus, new structures are being built, major renovations are happening and a myriad of changes are being made.

The Plant Operations office, located next to the mail room, plays a particularly key role in these alterations. Michael H. Brewer, Director of Plant Operations, seemed excited about the changes and was very willing to discuss these improvements to the Muhlenberg Campus. Plant Ops has a Special Projects Fund, commonly used for major repairs or small projects.

This year, the money went to finish the basement of New West. These renovations include the addition of three classrooms, a kitchenette and lounge space. The Hoffman House, located on 23rd St., has undergone major renovation as well as an addition. These changes include a Faculty Club, guest rooms and kitchen, all for the use and convenience of the faculty and staff. Also out of this fund came the refurbishing of the exterior of the CA, walkways around New West and a variety of additional offices throughout the academic buildings.

Aside from strict school funding, money comes in from a wide array of outside sources making further renovations and larger projects possible. The new College sign on the east end of campus on the corner of 23rd and Chew is one such example. The construction of this landmark was made possible through a gift from the Class of 1986.

Another major renovation on campus was the reconstruction of the soccer field and practice field. Funded only through gift moneys a state-of-the-art drainage system, underground sprinkler system, new lighting, a new scoreboard and specially designed turf were installed. New bleachers are expected to arrive by the middle of next week.

Many projects are being planned for the future, and are pending based strictly on the availability of funds. The football field and

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# News Digest

courtesy of USA Today

Temecula, Calif.--Hundreds of firefighters battled a Southern California brush fire Sunday that has burned about 5,500 acres and forced residents to flee dozens of ranches. The blaze, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles was started by a camp fire Sunday morning.

Phoenix, Az.--Bounty hunters searching for a bail jumper kicked in the front door of a home, held children at gunpoint, and shot a couple to death in a case of mistaken identity, police and witnesses said. As many as seven bounty hunters, all dressed in black and wearing ski masks and body armor, broke into the home about 4am Sunday looking for an out-of-state bail jumper who apparently owed a bond company $25,000.

Paris, France--Princess Diana was killed in a car crash Saturday night along with her boyfriend, Dodi al Fayed, and their driver. Witnesses on the scene said that the Princess' car was travelling at a high rate of speed trying to evade the following paparazzi.

Edgartown,Mass.--President Clinton said he was "profoundly saddened" by the death of Britain's Princess Diana. Deputy White House press secretary Joe Lockhart, with the vacationing president on Martha's Vineyard, said he spoke with Clinton, who gave him this statement early Sunday: "Hillary and I knew Princess Diana and we were very fond of her. We are profoundly saddened by this tragic event." The president was told of the princess' death at about 11:45pm EDT while attending a private clambake on a beachfront.

Olympia, Wash.--Jonnie Barr might lose his job because he brought a men's magazine to work. But is wasn't Playboy, Penthouse, or Hustler. The waste water treatment plant operator brought Esquire to work. The city says the magazine is "inappropriate and offensive reading material."

Jacksonville, Fla.--A disgruntled armored car driver believed to have taken $22 million in the biggest heist in US history was arrested Saturday when he crossed the border into Texas. Philip N. Johnson was reportedly apprehended by the US Customs Service at an entry station in Brownsville and was turned over to the FBI.

Pittsburgh, Penn.--A federal grand jury indicted owners of T & F Transport in Zelienople on mail-crime charges, officials said. Barbara Lou Feather, 52, and Susan Lee Turner, 42, are charged with violating their contract by failing to deliver about 430,000 items.

Philadelphia, Penn.--Health officials told lawmakers that local governments and emergency rooms are straining to care for 220,000 poor people who were dropped from state insurance rolls last year.

Port Mahon, Del.--A man boating on Delaware Bay was missing Monday after diving into the water to save a 10-year-old girl who had fallen overboard. Jerald Kendricks, 43, was not wearing a life jacket and wore a black shirt, making the rescue attempt more difficult, according to a Coast Guard spokesman.

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# Off-Campus: Legal Action Possible

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instituted policies to limit behavioral problems off-campus.

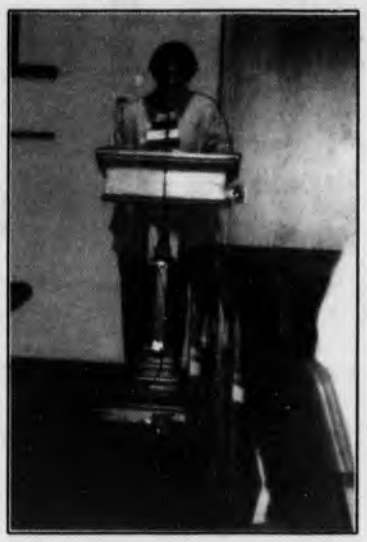
Ehrenberg highlighted the off-campus screening process, which requires students to submit an application to live off-campus.

The college has also taken steps to reduce the number of cars. The college also now provides information to city officials concerning student residency.

Campus Safety also provides additional security to areas off-campus and the college bares the burden of payment to two off-duty Allentown police officers.

Dean of Admissions Chris Hooker-Haring brought the biggest rise out of the crowd when he spoke.

He said, "Fifty years ago, residents might have done the same thing by appearing before you with zoning restrictions. Except this time, these residents might have wanted to restrict Blacks and Puerto Ricans from their neighborhoods."



***Student Council member Lauren Ravit delivered an emotional address on the off-campus living situation.***

Maxwell Davidson was also there and he issued this statement.

"Make no mistake. If the city limits students' choices as to where they may live, this ordinance will be vigorously fought in the courts."

On August 26, the ordinance passed through the Allentown City Planning Commission.

To be put into law, the ordinance will need to be approved by the entire City Council. City Council will hold public hearings on the ordinance in three weeks before voting on the ordinance.

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# *Campus Safety Notes*

## Chinese Restaurants Trespass on Campus

8/4/97 - Fire Alarm - 2251 Liberty St. - grease in oven
8/6/97 - Harassment by Communication - unknown sender wrote letter to Muhlenberg, Allentown Police Department notified
8/16/97 - Fire/Safety Violation - ATO house
8/17/97 - Lost Property - Brown Hall - Plant Operators lost a drill
8/18/97 - Fire Alarm - New West basement - 911 called and responded, fire due to a broken washing machine belt
8/20/97 - Vehicle accident - Martin Luther fire lane - accident between a MW Wood truck and other truck parked in the lane
8/20/97 - Vehicle accident - Gabriel Walkway - occurred to a patrol vehicle
8/20/97 - Theft - Chew Street - faculty/staff hanging parking tag - later discovered it was misplaced by the staff member
8/21/97 - Fire Alarm - Phi Mu - food on burner
8/22/97 - Fire Alarm - 2230 Chew Street - steam from shower
8/22/97 - Possibility of stolen property - 431 N. 23rd St. - Microfridge - no one charged at present time
8/23/97 - Theft - carpets stolen from Quality rug distributors, no signs of forced entry
8/24/97 - Assisted Allentown Police - 420 N. 22nd St. - noise complaint, no citations
8/24/97 - Unsecured property/Fire/ Safety hazard - Hoffman House
8/24/97 - Theft - Chew St., in front of Center for the Arts - temporary stop signs
8/24/97 - Trashing - MacGregor Village 105 - plastic cups, beer cans and furniture
8/24/97 - Theft of money - 2243 Liberty St. - $20 cash
8/25/97 - Trespassing - Brown Hall - Hunan Gardens distributing flyers
8/25/97 - Harassment - Front circle - 2 males in 2-door dark blue Honda Civic whistling and catcalling at women, suspects apprehended at 26th and Chew Streets - letters of trespassing issued
8/25/97 - Harassment - possibly student on student - message of "Faggot" left on answering machine
8/25/97 - Trespassing - Joy Food distributing flyers
8/28/97 - Fire Alarm - New West - banner on Halogen light
8/28/97 - Noise - Delta Zeta - warning issued
8/29/97 - Injured Student - Walz Hall - frostbite on left knee from icing an injury
8/29/97 - Injured Student - 3030 Liberty St. - twisted ankle, transported to Sacred Heart Hospital
8/29/97 - Unregistered party - MacGregor Village - large group consuming alcohol
8/29/97 - Theft - MacGregor Village - bike lock from Campus Safety bike
8/30/97 - Assisted Allentown Police - 2134 Gordon St. - noise from loud party, warnings issued
8/30/97 - Information - TKE - unregistered party - under investigation
8/31/97 - Alcohol violation/Noise - East G346 - unregistered party, guests providing alcohol to minors - referred to judicial board
8/31/97 - Assault - Martin Luther Hall - under investigation
8/31/97 - Alcohol Violation - 423 N. 23rd St. - unregistered party - referred to judicial board
8/31/97 - Animal/Complaint - MacGregor Village - huge iguana
8/31/97 - Fire Alarm - 2208 Chew St. - steam from shower

Campus Safety wants to remind students that there is a new Frisbee Golf course that does not include throwing through the Parent's Plaza or across Chew Street to the Center for the Arts. The new Frisbee Golf course map is available in the Campus Safety office.

# Campus improvements

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track are slated for a complete overhaul. Alterations include an all-weather, 8 lane synthetic surface track, an artificial turf field, new bleachers and press box and a new lighting system.

A major addition is also scheduled for the Center for the Arts. The addition will extend to the west of the presently existing building. Because Theatre, Dance and the Performing Arts and Fine Arts in general are among the fastest growing majors at Muhlenberg College, space is quickly becoming a scarcity. Departments are lacking in rehearsal space as well as performing space.

The new complex will include a theatre, a dance studio, rehearsal space and practice rooms, as well as a costume and scenery shop. The Plant Operations Dept. is presently working with an architectural firm to complete the structural planning.

Also presently in the works are plans for a new Academic Building. The new building will be located on the east end of campus, next to the Chapel and Ettinger. The building will house the Philosophy Dept., the Religion Dept., the Education Dept., The Center for Ethics and the Psychology Dept. Construction was slated to begin this year, however funding was not available and the project is pending. A model of the building and location is located in the main foyer of Trexler Library.

Before multi-million dollar decisions can be made, of course, the College must prioritize their needs and consider available funding. All executive departments on campus have some impact on the decisions passed through the Planning Board and then to Plant Operations.

All available and un-available resources must be taken into consideration. Such decisions and spending are not taken lightly, and do not go unnoticed. A big thanks from the student body to those who devote their time, financial resources, and labor toward making Muhlenberg a more efficient and convenient place for all of us.

# Student council opens academic year

by Tracey M. McGee
News Editor

The Student Council for the 1997-1998 academic year at Muhlenberg College held its fifth general meeting on August 28. The council spoke about many new developments in the 'Berg community, several of which took place over the summer. Student Body President David Silber '98 spoke about the improvements to be made to the Red Door and also confirmed that the Council has put $2,000 into the weight room in the Life Sports Center.

A date to be marked on calendars is October 7. That is the day that freshmen elections will be held. All freshmen are encouraged to take an active role in their class, and are especially encouraged to come out and vote on that day.

The entire 'Berg community is encouraged to attend Student Council meetings, and next week the council is making it quite easy to participate. The meeting will be held at 7pm outside on Brown Mall. The council needs student support since it is you they are working for. A coffee cart will soon be in Seeger's Union and many other ideas are currently in development.

Becky Grace from MAC also addressed the council concerning the many fun-filled events that MAC will be sponsoring in the next few weeks. Be sure to check out the band "Love Seed Momma Jump" when they perform in the East Quad on September 20. Everyone should have received a MAC calendar which contains a card that can ultimately win someone a new color television.

The council hopes to see students at their meetings on Thursdays as well as at the Student Body Meeting which will be held sometime in October. More information about that meeting will be distributed to every student.

# Orientation weekend a hit

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

The Class of 2001 experienced Orientation Weekend like no other class in history. The Orientation Planning Committee jumped on the bandwagon of excitement of Muhlenberg's Sesquicentennial Year.

The Orientation Planning Committee was made up of Steve Arora, Rachel Atwood, Allison Engelhart, Jay Ross, Laura Varrone and David Silber. The members of the committee, along with Orientation leader Rick Proetzel, created the plan for the scavenger hunt, which had more excitement than years past.

First-year students participated in a campus wide scavenger hunt, instead of playing the traditional games played in the hot sun.

First-year students had to read riddles, solve them and go to the destination for the next clue. There were nine destinations for each group. There were interpreters at six of the stations.

Interpreters gave the history of each of the buildings.

Another change in Orientation Weekend was the addition of free time into the schedule. Committee members felt that past orientation schedules were too crowded.

Also, each destination contained a puzzle piece. After the hunt was over, the orientation groups tried to put the pieces of the puzzle together, which eventually made a Muhlenberg M.

Just like any institution as old as Muhlenberg, some Orientation concepts stayed the same. Popular diversity speaker Maura Cullen delivered her annual heart - wrenching speech.

Student advisors also carried the torch of carrying the clothes, refrigerators, microwaves and boxes of the first-year students. Advisors carried the stuff up many flights of stairs. The week ended with a spectacular fireworks show on the library field.

*photo by Carly Ringer*

# "G.I. Jane" shoots blanks in box office warfare

## *Demi Moore vehicle tanks as plot and common sense go AWOL*

**G.I Jane★★**
**Hollywood Pictures (R)**
**Movie Review by**
**Nina Forsberg and Lisa Daly**

Combine a group of sweaty, bloody, wet men with one female and you'll get the season's worst military movie: G.I. Jane.

If the sight of Hollywood's sweetheart, Demi Moore, shaving her own head until she becomes an asexual military recruit doesn't make you cringe, then perhaps the inhumane training she was forced to endure will.

After her over-hyped and under-dressed role in last summer's disappointing *Striptease,* Moore decided to play against type this time around by keeping her clothes on and showing only the skin underneath her scalp.

As anyone who has seen the films promos knows, Moore's Lt. Jordan O'Neil shaves her head in a show of solidarity after insisting to be treated, "No better, No worse" than her fellow Navy SEAL trainees.

Of course "No better, No worse", turns out to be pretty darn bad and when you see the hell these SEALS go through you begin to understand why the drop out rate is 60%.

Maybe just sitting through the movie will be torture enough. For all you moviegoers who enjoy a little romance and passion this is definitely not the movie for you.

There was no emotional involvement between any of the characters and the only sparks lit were from random hand grenades and painfully cliched Libyan border patrol guards. What war movie would be complete without some desert warfare with some angry Libyans?

But before we totally blow this movie to pieces, we have to credit this film for being the first to tackle the issue of women in the military.

It brought up the reality that women are not treated equally in the military and if a woman does prove herself capable others bring up irrelevant issues to hinder her success.

This movie went to great lengths to point out the negative aspects of military life.

Somehow the weather always seemed to be against the recruits who had to suffer emotional and physical pressure that sometimes seemed absurd.

Because it was so disturbing, this movie does not make for a pleasant trip to the theater.

This movie is definitely not a date movie nor will it bring you laughter or tears.

In fact, if you manage to stay awake through this extremely drawn out movie, you'll probably only leave with a sense of disgust.

For those of you who are looking for some war-like entertainment, we suggest staying home with G.I. Joe and leaving his little sister Jane out of the war zone for now.

"G.I. Jane" is a movie fraught with contradictions. The film's biggest fault is that it is a message movie trying to pretend it isn't one. As a result any redeeming social values are lost.

**Three recruits including Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore) must draw on endless resources of strength and courage in their Navy SEAL training.** ***Photo courtesy of Hollywood Pictures.***

**General Cinema**
**Lehigh Valley Mall**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
**SEPT. 7th&8th**

**Fire Down Below (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40**

**Men in Black (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30**

**She's So Lovely (R) 12:30, 2:50, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30**

**Kull the Conqueror (PG13) 12:50, 5:20,7:40, 10:10**

**Mimic (R) 12:40, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50**

**GI Jane (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:00**

**Leave it to Beaver (PG) 3:10**

**George of the Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:00**

**Conspiracy Theory (R) 9:20**

**Copland (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30**

**Friday and Saturday**
**(Midnight Only)**
**Rocky Horror Picture Show**
**Men In Black**
**Conspiracy Theory**
**Copland**
**Mimic**
**Fire Down Below**
**G.I. Jane**
**Monty Python and the Holy Grail**

**Bogged down by the pressures of campus life?**

**Can't get that ex-girlfriend out of your head?**

**Can't get that psycho ex-boyfriend to stop stalking you?**

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**A new feature starting next week in the Muhlenberg Weekly**

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# Woody's Campus Pizza arrives at Muhlenberg

## *New off-campus eatery scores high marks for style but average for food*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Cheap food and cheap beer: every college student's dream come true.

With the opening of Woody's Sports Bar and restaurant on the corner of Liberty and 22nd Streets, Muhlenberg students have a new place to eat, drink and be merry.

Woody's, previously known as Sophia's, is barely recognizable as the former dingy little pizza place.

Gone is the appalling lack of character which Sophia's was notorious for. Woody's atmosphere is much improved. It is aglow with neon signs and televisions tuned in to different sports channels and games. It has the feel of Rookies, except on a much smaller scale.

The size of the restaurant is a potential problem. There are only about five booths and a bar in which to hold their clients.

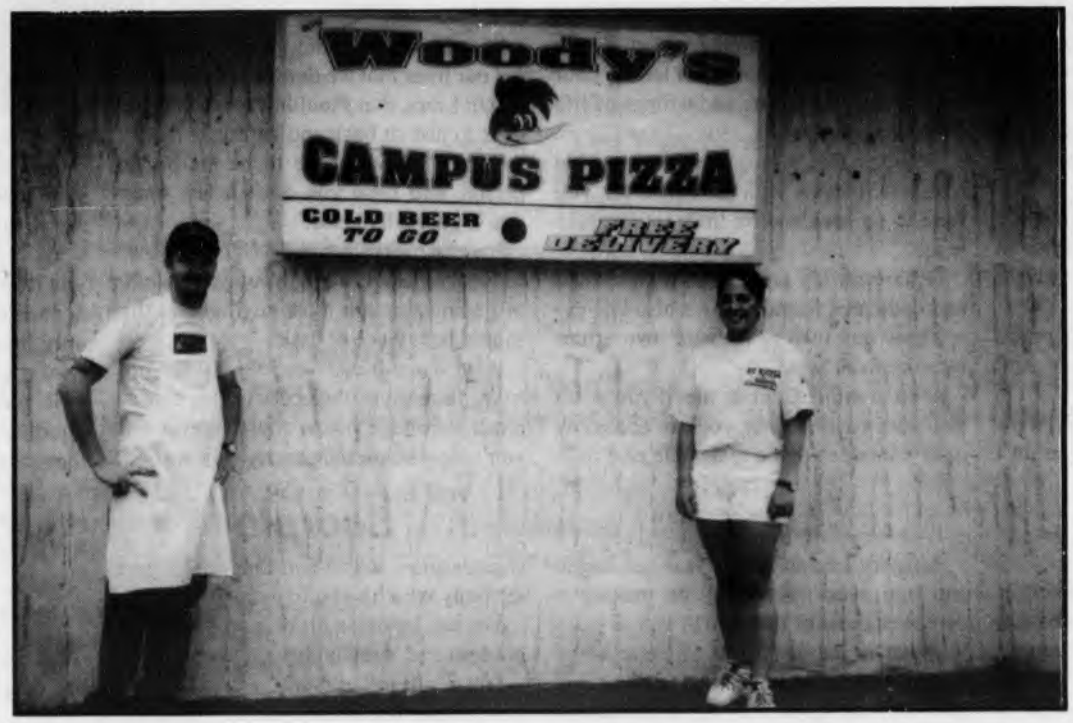
Since the year is young, it hasn't yet become an issue, but as the fall progresses and their number of customers increases, this could present a potential difficulty.

And the people will undoubtedly start rolling in soon.

Woody's is your typical pizzaria, with what you would expect on the menu: subs, wings, and of course pizza.

Their food is decent, though not spectacular. The pizza is certainly superior to what the Red Door has to offer, and runs circles around Sophia's pizza. The buffalo wings, while not exactly *hot* (actually, the "Spicy Chicken Sandwich" at Wendy's is spicier) are still good. Most impressive were the subs, which are made to order.

While nothing is really outstanding, everything is more than edible, and definitely better than any "culinary" option on campus.




Students should note that although the take out menus say that the kitchen is open until 1:30 am and that beer can be purchased until 2:00 am, this is not true.

There are other Woody's in the Allentown area who are open this late. The one located nearest us is currently only open until 11:00pm, but they hope to soon extend to later hours.

Also of interest to some: happy hour is from 5:00-7:00 pm and drafts are only $1.25.

Now for the question that underclassmen have been waiting for...will you be carded ast Woody's?

Sorry, but yes. They *do* have to follow Pennsylvania state laws, as inconvenient as that may seem.

At this point, they are being strict with the flow of alcohol.

The opening of Woody's will undoubtedly prove to be an event students will rejoice—it presents something new and easily accessible for us.

For hungry students looking for a good, cheap meal, Woody's is a logical option.

For those of us looking to drink, but who aren't particularly looking forward to driving to Lupo's or another Allentown bar, Woody's is a more convenient place.

Basically, for whatever your reason, go there.

It's preferable to on-campus eating, and less expensive than other local restaurants.

All in all, it provides a relaxing environment with better than average food.

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| **Sunday** | **Noon - 1:00 a.m.** |

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$2.00 pitchers of beer
$2.00 pizza

**Wednesday**
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$1.00 draft beer
$.25 wings (5 sauces to choose)

**Thursday**
9 pm to 11pm
$2.00 pitchers of beer
$2.00 pizza

**Friday**
free food buffet - 5pm to 7pm
entree specials all evening
call for band info

**Saturday**
daily gameday specials
entree specials all evening
live entertainment 9pm till ...

**Sunday**
**all day**
$.25 wings (5 sauces to choose)
large PUB pizza $5.00
tostadas (Mexican Pizza) $3.00

# Consult The Mule.....

## Your Weekly Horoscopes

by Jen Zwirn & Sherry Fazio

### Aries

So Aries what is this? We've only been back for like five minutes and you're already having problems.

Such worries are gonna make for a mighty long school year unless you learn to make the best of it.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "suck it up and deal?!" You know better than most that things aren't going to just happen, you have to make them happen.

Instead of being the master of doom and gloom, how about we take a glimpse at everything positive going on with you right now?!

You're back at school without parental supervision, all your friends are here, and tomorrow is a new day.

Always remember that if today were intended to be perfect, then there wouldn't be a tomorrow.

### Taurus

Well, Taurus, it seems like you're off in fantasy land lately...we've only been back for a few days and you're already stressing out about the silliest things.

You've got an entire school year left to enjoy all of the things you want to do, so why are you trying to fit them all in before the first frost?!

And as far as your social calendar goes, try and remember that even though there are a lot of fish in the sea it doesn't mean that you need to try every flavor.

Having fun is great, however, sometimes it can get you into trouble and you might want to wait until your parents are at least on the highway before making anymore life long decisions.

Fun is a big component of college, but it's important that you make it past the first weekend.

### Gemini

Hey, Gem, are you at all familiar with the expression, sometimes you have to let things go?!

Nothing lasts forever, so why are you holding on for dear life? Relax, Gemini! Let yourself live a little and stop fretting over the inevitable.

Whatever took place over the summer is old news now and it's probably time for you to move on.

Of course, there's no reason to forget all that happened this summer...just enjoy the memories.

You've got bigger and better things to concern yourself with here, like friends, classes, and you! Now is the time to quit pondering what may happen and just enjoy your place in the here and now.

Some things just have to be left up to fate, so if it's supposed to happen, then it will. Worrying about things certainly won't change them.

### Cancer

Hey Cancer how about you turn over a new leaf this year, and keep your nose where it belongs.

You are the master of friendship and loyalty, however sometimes that means keeping your lips zipped and letting your friends learn the rights and wrongs of life on their own.

Whether that means they mess up big time or are happy with the outcomes, you have to sit back and let their actions take place.

Of course, it's great to be a concerned and dedicated friend, but it's also OK every now and then to let your own issues take the front seat.

Keep in mind, Cancer, that if you don't deal with yourself first, you can't possibly offer valuable advice to anyone else.

### Leo

Alrighty Leo so a new year has begun and you seem to already be making a complete mess of things.

What is the problem? Is there some logical reason why you can't just have a good time without creating serious problems for the rest of your world?!

There is absolutely no reason to twist and tangle words around in order to make your life more exciting. How about getting a hobby?

If you are in need of things to occupy your time then most definitely join a club, but stop being the situation starter.

If you keep this up, Leo, you may find yourself tripping over those mountains you made from the mole hills that were never even a concern of yours.

So if you want to have friends next week like you did last week, then try putting your energy into something besides your mouth.

### Virgo

Well Virgo you sure are looking good this year.

You seem to have done a lot of thinking and growing this summer and appear to know who you are, what you want, and where you're going.

This is great! Now you knew there was a "but" coming here....things are just peachy right now but you know that nothing lasts forever.

That is why it is so important that you enjoy every second of happiness while it's here because you never can tell what the future holds.

You know from experience that everything that goes up must come down.

So later when all breaks loose, instead of walking around campus with your head down, remember how you're feeling right now.

Then you should be set for the entire year!

### Libra

You've got this innate ability to dish out the best advice around, so now don't you think it's time you started listening to yourself!?

Of course a lot of things happen throughout our lives that we don't have much say in, but Libra, that shouldn't mean that you have to just sit back and let things lie.

Sometimes you have to be the bigger person, and once you do it a few times you'll get really good!

Practice makes perfect! You are known for your amazing strength and your talents of getting through most anything so this should be a piece o' cake.

Also, your friends and family are just trying to help you out because they care so much. College doesn't last forever. If you've got something to say, say it now.

### Scorpio

Um Scorpio....isn't it time that you forgave the bully who hit you in third grade?!

You are having a bit of a problem with grudges and it really just isn't healthy.

You might just explode at any second if you keep up this ridiculous habit of teaching people a lesson until they're old and gray. What is your point?! Ease up a little....everybody makes mistakes, including you.

If you don't mess up then you'll never learn anyway! If you expect others to forgive and forget then you need to do the same.

As soon as a few decades go by it really doesn't matter whose fault it was, but everything makes you stronger so just chalk it up to another character-building experience.

Don't you think it's time you start removing that chip, that's growing by the minute, from your shoulder? You will feel so much better. How about it?!

### Capricorn

Well, Cap, you've had all summer to sit back and relax, watch the waves and the sun set, but now we're back at school, so don't you think it's high time you get back into the swing of classes?!

It's great to be easy going and lackadaisical, but this is getting a bit absurd, wouldn't you agree?!

There's nothing wrong with enjoying all that you do...that's how life should be, but sometimes you just don't have a choice in matters....like homework and studying.

Instead of complaining about all you have to do, why not actually sit down and do it?!

Pick up that pencil, type that paper, read your chapters!

It doesn't take a college graduate to realize that once you get it all done, you'll have more time to spend doing what you enjoy.

### Sagittarius

Here we go again, Sag! If it's not one thing, it's another with you and your backpack o' problems...what is this already?!

How about mailing that home with all of the other stuff you brought that you don't actually need here?!

Carrying around everything on your shoulders tends to give you a bad back, not to mention a bad attitude!

It isn't the same as carrying books you don't need to every class - having a complex about your troubles will only lead you to bitterness...that's certainly no way to begin a semester.

So put all your energy into having a good time and just deal with things as they come.

It isn't easy living here on your own, but you will see that it's a lot of fun if you just relax.

### Aquarius

OK, Aquarius, so you've just been a barrel o' laughs lately.

It's great to see you let your hair down and go crazy once in a while but did somebody forget to show you the library on your last campus tour?

In addition to the social lessons for life, we're supposed to be learning a little something from books here, too.

It's okay for now anyway, since it is only the first week of classes, but we don't suggest letting yourself get too far behind in your work.

However, if you plan on finishing this little college thing in four years then you might want to consider sharpening a pencil or two and learning what the scent of new book is.

### Pisces

Hey Pisces - you seem to be just the life of the party and everybody loves to have you around.

So why are you so reluctant to let your hair down?

You've already finished your reading until Thanksgiving so put the book down and come out and play with the rest of us!

Sometimes it's important to relive your youth so go ahead and have fun!

As we've already said to everyone else, we won't be here forever.

So you have to seize every moment you've been blessed with.

Rarely do we think about how much we have and usually we just take things for granted.

Enjoy the time that you have here, keep up with your studies, and then you'll have no regrets.

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# 1997 MTV Music Video Awards 8:00 PM Tonight

## Nominations Include:

**Best Male Video**
Babyface - "Everytime I Close My Eyes"
Beck - "Devil's Haircut"
R. Kelly - "I Believe I Can Fly"
*Will Smith - "Men In Black"

**Best Rap Video**
Blackstreet feat Dr. Dre- "No Diggity"
Dr. Dre - "Been There Done That"
Missy Elliot - "The Rain"
*Notorious B.I.G - "Hypnotize"

Editor's Choice Denoted by *

**Best Female Video**
Erykah Badu - "On And On"
Meredith Brooks - "Bitch"
Toni Braxton - "Un-Break My Heart"
Paula Cole - "Where Have All The Cowboys Gone"
*Jewel - "You Were Meant For Me"

**Best New Artist**
Fiona Apple - "Sleep To Dream"
Meredith Brooks - "Bitch"
Hanson - "MMMBop"
Jamiroquai - "Virtual Insanity"
*Wallflowers - "One Headlight"

**Best Video**
Beck - "The New Pollution"
*Jamiroquai - "Virtual Insanity"
Jewel - "You Were Meant For Me"
Nine Inch Nails - "The Perfect Drug"
No Doubt - "Don't Speak"

**Best Dance Video**
Chemical Brothers - "Block Rockin' Beats"
FreakNasty - "Da' Dip"
Prodigy - "Breathe"
*Spice Girls - "Wannabe"

**Best R&B Video**
Babyface feat. Stevie Wonder- "How Come, How Long"
Erykah Badu - "On and On"
Blackstreet - "No Diggity"
Toni Braxton - "Un-Break My Heart"
*Puff Daddy - "I'll Be Missing You"

**Best Group Video**
Blur - "Song 2"
Counting Crows -"A Long December"
*Dave Matthews Band - "Crash Into Me"
No Doubt - "Don't Speak"
Wallflowers "One Headlight"

**Best Rock Video**
*Aerosmith - "Falling In Love"
Foo Fighters - "Monkey Wrench"
Dave Matthews Band - "Crash Into Me"
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**We are looking forward to having a great year!**

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# Letters to the Editor

## Activities Director Thanks Students

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Activities Fair on Saturday, August 30th. The students who helped set-up and breakdown worked very hard and I want you to know I appreciate the help you gave me.

A very special thank you goes to my MAC kids...you guys are amazing! This group of students worked very hard all week to bring many successful events to our campus for everyone to enjoy.

Not many know about what these students are responsible for. Just look out your window at 2 a.m. when they are helping to load a truck full of carnival games, or at 4 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon when they are setting up the big screen drive-in on Brown Mall. Then they are back at 11 p.m. helping to breakdown the screen they put up.

Events on campus could not happen without this group. I appreciate their dedication to the college and their hard work.

Becky Grace
Director of Student Activities

## Student Supports Off Campus Living

A spouse, a split level house, 2.4 children, two cars, half a dog.....for may of us, this will be the reality of life after college. However much we think that our education here at Muhlenberg is proper preparation for our future, this is usually only partially true. Although an education is an excellent foundation for a career, it often lacks in exposure to real life experience. After we graduate, we are often thrown into life situations, which we have not previously been exposed to and may not be prepared to handle.

The only way to gain life experience is by living, and living off campus as a college student is one of the ways in which students can learn to prepare themselves for life after college. Functioning as a cushion between living on your own versus a dormitory experience, while our parents are still footing the bill, living off campus is very often an integral part of the educational experience of our lives. It allows students to realize the importance of economics by paying for our own utility bills, rent, phone, etc. The responsibilities involved with finding a suitable place to live can also be quite tedious; some students may feel the effects of age discrimination which often thrives in a college community such as our own.

However, off campus living is not a one sided issue; as the student becomes a member of the greater Allentown community they can learn one of the most important issues in living within a community: learning to give and take. In fostering a mutual respect for our neighbors, we can contribute to the lives of others. Off campus students often serve as a bridge between the community and the college, a relationship which can be beneficial to both. Similarly, students are offered more opportunities to interact with people of other age groups, instead of just peers on campus. This diversity allows for much personal growth, which our education may not sufficiently offer us. Living off campus has afforded me with many opportunities which would otherwise not be possible while residing on the Muhlenberg campus; these opportunities for growth should not be ignored for they are what make us whole.

Sincerely,
Jara Renee Traina

## Editor Laments Name Change at Red Door

To the Muhlenberg Community:

Over the past week, you will notice that there is a movement to change the name of the Red Door Cafe to a name that will carry a sports theme. I would urge you to speak out against the name change.

It is very ironic that a name change is being requested in a year that celebrates the great history of this college. Red Doors are a Muhlenberg symbol and they should remain. The goal of name change is to get students to eat in the cafe. However, the name of the place really has no influence on why people do not eat there.

Also, I find a sports theme to be inappropriate. It suggests that games will be viewed from the television. The biggest days for sports are Saturdays and Sundays. These are days in which the Red Door does not open until 3 p.m. and movies are shown in the evening. There is only a small block of time in which sports programming could be viewed.

Yes, I know that there will be Muhlenberg memorabilia and televisions at every table. Couldn't we still keep the name the same and have all of these additions?

Changing the name of the Red Door would be like having the American League play in National League during the regular season. Wait a minute...it has already happened.

Sincerely,
Larry Carney
Editor-in-Chief

# Editor Criticizes Ravaging Press

*An Outside Perspective*
*by Mark A. Koup*
*Opinion Editor*

In the early hours of Sunday, August 31 1997, Lady Diana Spencer, also known as the Princess of Wales, was tragically killed in an automobile accident. I had many feelings about this event. I felt a great loss for not only the nation of Great Britain, but also for all the people Diana touched during her short and chronicled life.

Diana and her boyfriend were allegedly being pursued by paparazzi, the relentless photographers employed by journalistic trash, otherwise known as tabloids. According to an autopsy performed on Monday, the chauffeur of Diana and her boyfriend was legally intoxicated, which compounded with speeds more than double the limit created disaster.

People need to reflect what is truly important in our society. Is it really necessary to see Diana Spencer in an embrace with Dodi al Fayed? What good does this really provide? Must we invade the private lives of celebrities in order to fulfill some void in our own lives?

Earl Charles Spencer, brother to Princess Diana, had a statement for the press whom he levied much of the blame for Diana's untimely death. Spencer accused all editors that purchased paparazzi photographs of having "blood on their hands" and felt a sense of relief that Diana was in a place "where no human being can ever touch her again". Spencer also added that he always thought the press would kill Diana, but never thought they would play such a direct role in her actual death.

That is a pretty distressing statement by Spencer. If we could only imagine what it was like to be Diana Spencer on any given day. Our every move in public would be chronicled by a relentless press that prevents us from entering our vehicles, questions us about our romantic lives, and tells us how to raise our children. That is definitely not a life that I would be interested in leading.

Diana Spencer rose above all criticism with an extremely resilient personality, and according to Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole "...had a sense of humor that made you feel like you had know her all your life, after talking to her for just a few minutes..". Her children seemed to enjoy a bond with her that was unfathomable given the considerable fishbowl that is their daily lives.

Now William and Harry are without their mother. They must face the rigors of royal life without arguably the shining star of the royal family who guided her them with compassion and grace. President Clinton even commented what a fine job Diana did with raising her children after meeting them for just a few minutes.

I hope the tabloids are enjoying this moment. They are now first and foremost responsible for causing the death of one of the finest and most compassionate public figures this century has known. Perhaps the waste of trees that line supermarket checkout lines will reevaluate their purpose and authority to the public. I seriously doubt this will happen; garbage doesn't take itself out to the curb. We must do it ourselves.

## Editor Supports Adminstration Position on Ordinance #59

*A Common Goal*
*by Mark A. Koup*
*Opinion Editor*

On August 26, 1997, a few members of the Muhlenberg Weekly staff attended a Community Development Meeting, in order to hear the debate surrounding Ordinance #59 (the ordinance that is dedicated to preventing students from living off campus together). I must preface my article by stating that I have never seen the students and administration of our college so united on one issue.

Ordinance #59 caused many debates among the members of the community and the representatives of Muhlenberg at this meeting. Student Council Treasurer Lauren Ravit and Dean Chris Hooker-Haring delivered spirited speeches that encouraged much unrest among the people that attended the meeting. I must say that everyone who spoke in favor of the college impressed me, and I felt a sense of pride that we were all united on this issue. I have not seen such unification between students and administration in my two years at Muhlenberg.

Jane Irvan, co-chair of the Muhlenberg Parents Council, encouraged the council representatives to consider delaying the ordinance for 6 months so the college and the neighbors could be allowed an opportunity to resolve the issue without government intervention. Mrs. Irvan also stressed that she would prefer the tuition money of parents to go to educational opportunities, and not to legal bills that would result from the passage of the ordinance.

Maxwell Davidson, counsel for Muhlenberg, was in my opinion one of the best representatives of our college. He stressed that the vast majority of residents of the Lehigh Valley are people of common sense and goodwill. His implication was that the supporters of ordinance are people who use the college facilities, and then turn around and support a bill that restricts the college that they so often use and enjoy. Mr. Davidson also stated openly that litigation would follow passage of this and any other bill that would infringe on the rights of Muhlenberg Students.

I also admired the efforts of Dean Rudy Ehrenberg, and Melissa Houck. Their support for the students was appreciated by the entire weekly staff, as well as all students who desire to live off campus in the future.

Mr. Henry Acers, an Allentown resident who lives at 2609 Liberty Street was the first citizen of the neighborhood that the ordinance pertains to. Mr. Acers has been a resident of college town for most of his life, and said that there are "much better colleges to raise hell in" than Muhlenberg. I couldn't possibly agree more. Perhaps the people of West Allentown should experience life in Ann Arbor or Happy Valley for a while.

I appreciate all the efforts by the Administration of our college. I am one of the first people to criticize the administration when I disagree with something in policy. I also will support them fully in any efforts pertaining to this ordinance. The Administration is doing everything possible to ensure students the opportunity to live off campus, and I am appreciative of their support. With students and administration working together for a common goal, we can see how much we can accomplish by working together.

# *Weekly* Columnist Endorses Virtua Pets and Red Door Pizza

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. I want to extend a special welcome to the freshman. Your four years here will be filled with nothing but challenge and excitement in your quest to attain the knowledge that will help you to earn six figure salaries (sure, and Joe Paterno is still waiting for the Mules former football coach Greg Olejack to return his phone calls regarding the offensive coordinator position at Penn State).

Does anyone have those Virtua Pets that are so popular among the elementary school kids these days? If you don't know what they are, I can only describe them as plastic egg-shaped toys, each with a tiny monitor so you can see your little pet. From my understanding, if you forget to feed it, it dies, and then somehow you can bring it back to life. I wish we had these things when I was younger. I couldn't keep a goldfish alive for more than a week, and after a couple days in my pocket I knew it wasn't going to come back to life. After a while my parents just told me they were sleeping when they turned upside down and floated at the top of the bowl. They probably were pretty tired from dodging all the crap I threw in their bowl (knives, pencils, and flaming G.I. Joe action figures).

I live in Jonestown, Pennsylvania (population 980) and sometimes it takes awhile for new fads to catch on because of our rural location. My first G.I. Joe action figure was actually a rotten pear jammed onto the end of an old corn cob with toothpicks for arms and legs. Cabbage Patch Kids? Real cabbage. My sister's Barbie Dream House? Refrigerator box. Garbage Pail Trading Cards were just Polaroids of the neighbors' trash cans. They're not exactly splitting atoms in my hometown, but it's home. Still, it's nice to be back here in Allentown, especially so I can taste once again the ecstasy that is Red Door pizza.

***How opinionated are you? Let us find out! Contact Mark @ x4447 about writing for the Opinion Section of the Weekly.***

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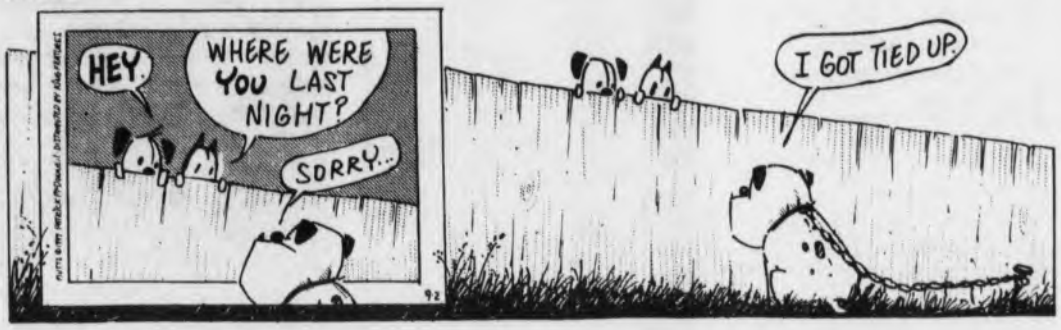


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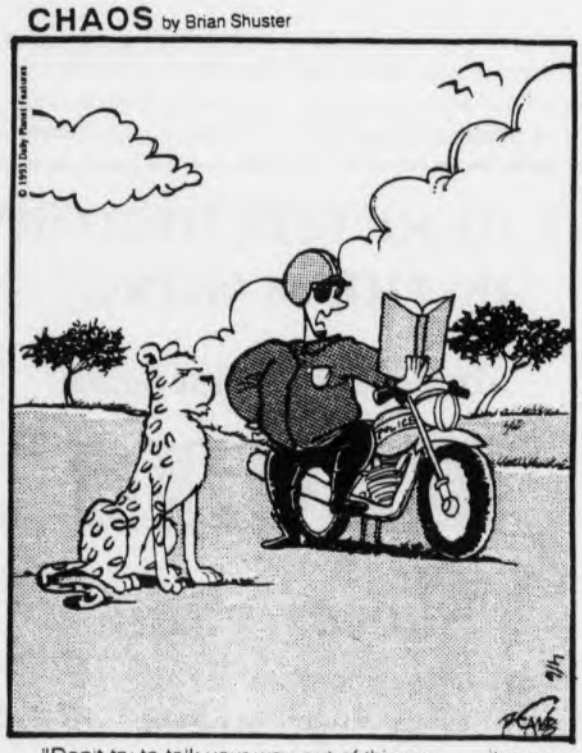


"Don't try to talk your way out of this one . . . it says right here that the top speed a cheetah can run is 70 mph, and I clocked you going at least 80!"

# Men's soccer team prepares for '97 season

## *"Never say die" Mules look to veteran leadership to keep strong soccer tradition alive*

by Seth Leichter
*Weekly* sports writer

This summer, the Muhlenberg Men's soccer team traveled to Europe to lock horns with various European club teams. England and Scotland were the two stops on their European Tour. Most of the teams were professional teams with the average age being 27.

The team went 0-5-2 across the Atlantic. At first glance, this appears to be a disappointing trip. When you factor in that all of the players from Europe play soccer with the same frequency that we play baseball or basketball and that most of these guys are in the prime of their careers and were born with a soccer ball stapled to their foot, the 0-5-2 mark seems admirable.

Coach Tipping said that the team played the European teams strong and kept the 'never say die' attitude that has been the key ingredient for their success in recent years. Standout performers in Europe included Mike Schaffer, Tim O'Donohue, Sean Topping, Ron Russo, and Eric Hohman.

Coming back to the States, the team is better and crisper after tasting competition that is heads and shoulders above any team in the Centennial Conference.

Key losses in the offseason include Brian Krug and goalie Jake Schmidt. Replacing Schmidt in goal is Dan Wilkin. Wilkin boasts good reflexes and an improved kicking game, which was demonstrated with consistency on the European tour. Along with Wilkin, there is a battle for the number 2 spot between Brian Goldmacher and Anthony Dudo, with a possibility to obtain the starting spot. This year's freshman class is strong, which will lead to continued success in the future.

Some things that the team needs to improve this year are stepping their play up in big games against conference rivals like Elizabethtown, Johns Hopkins, and Rowan. Too many goals were scored on crosses which will be remedied by playing tighter man to man defense.

With the loss of goal scoring extraodinaire, Tim Averill '95, the team did not have one player in the top six in scoring. They need someone to pick up their game at forward as the solid go-to guy.

This year the team is switching their formation from the 4-4-2 to a 3-4-3. This will put a lot of pressure when they lose the ball. But along with some ideas that they will incorporate from the European trip, the result should be an effective equation for success. Overall, the team appeared better, stronger and deeper than last year's squad after watching a practice last week.

The team put on a good performance against Penn State last Sunday, when they won 2-1 in two halves of play, but fell short 4-2 after a third half was added.

On Monday, the team is going up against a Scranton team that has lost many seniors, but were still tough in the spring when the Mules played them.

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**Wednesday September 17 @ 7:00**

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**NSCAA Division III National Men's Soccer Poll**
**1997 Preseason**

| | *1996 record* | *1996 rank* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. College of New Jersey | 17-5-1 | 1 |
| 2. Kenyon | 18-3-1 | 2 |
| 3. Williams | 12-2-3 | 4 |
| 4. Ithaca | 14-5-1 | 3 |
| 5. Greensboro | 13-5-3 | 7 |
| 6. Bethany | 17-5-0 | 6 |
| 7. Luther | 21-4-0 | 8 |
| 8. Wheaton | 17-0-3 | 12 |
| 9. Chicago | 15-4-2 | 5 |
| 10. Richard Stockton | 14-3-2 | 9 |
| 11. Elizabethtown | 19-3-2 | 10 |
| 12. Trinity | 17-2-0 | 11 |
| 13. UC San Diego | 10-6-1 | 20 |
| 14. Mary Washington | 17-4-1 | 16 |
| 15.Wilmington | 17-4-0 | 14 |
| 16. Middlebury | 12-3-1 | 13 |
| 17. Salem State | 18-1-1 | 18 |
| 18. Concordia | 12-4-3 | 17 |
| 19. Hope | 16-2-1 | 19 |
| 20. **Muhlenberg** | 11-5-4 | 24 |

# National Sports Update

Jerry Rice, the best all-around wide receiver in NFL history, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the San Francisco 49er's game on Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Rice had never missed a game in his 12 year NFL career.

Bruce Smith, a defensive end for the Buffalo Bills, was convicted of drunken driving on Tuesday in a Florida court. Smith was given a 30-day suspended sentence. Smith had his licence suspended for one year, and was given a $250 fine. Smith had just signed a six-year contract woth $28.2 million with a $6 million signing bonus.

Last year's Super Bowl champions, the Green Bay Packers, started off the 1997 NFL season with a win on Monday night against the Chicago Bears, 38-24. The victory could be a costly one for the Packers, however, with starting tight end Jesse Chumura suffering knee injuries that will sideline him for more than a month.

NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt was released from the hospital Monday with no discernable injuries. Earnhardt crashed into the wall in Sunday's NASCAR Southern 500 race at Darlington Speedway.

Pete Sampras, the number one ranked tennis player in the world, lost Monday to fifteenth ranked Petr Korda in the U.S. Open. Sampras was the heavy favorite to win his third straight and fifth overall Open title.

Pete Rose Jr., son of ex-major leaguer Pete Rose, made his major league debut for the Cincinnati Reds Monday. Rose Sr., the all time major league leader in hits, is still banned from baseball.

Monica Seles, the number two ranked women's tennis player in the world, was beaten Tuesday in the U.S. Open by Irina Spirlea.

The New York Giants beat the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday 31-17. The Eagles next play the defending Super Bowl champions Green Bay Packers at home on Sunday.

# Cross country squad boasts returning runners and promising newcomers for '97 season

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* sports writer

Only another runner can truly understand what it is to run cross country. The uninitiated may think it is as simple and bucolic as a jog in the countryside; little more than a quick run through some quaint woods, over some picturesque brooks, and through pastoral meadows. Nothing could be further from the truth.

While the course is scenic and the concept simple, only someone who has competed can really know how torturous it is. Even the best of runners find themselves stretched to the limits on a cross country course.

The five-mile course for the men and three-mile course for the women is infinitely more exhausting than simply running that distance over an all-weather track. There are no steep hills to challenge the weary legs on an all-weather track.

On the cross-country course you start the race in bright and shiny laundry-fresh uniforms only to finish caked in sweat, dirt, and mud.

There are seemingly endless periods where all you can hear is your breathing and your footfalls, and moments of fear when each stride portends a season-ending injury.

It is amazing that there are so many Mules willing to undergo such strain. Seventeen men and nine women make up the 1997 Muhlenberg Cross Country men's and women's teams.

Led by veteran Head Coach Linda Andrews, this year's teams hope to improve upon last year's steady performance.

The men are lead by Captains Peter Dunlaevy and Josh McHale. Both seniors, Dunlaevy and McHale have been pacesetters for the men's team throughout their careers.

They are joined by seniors James Batzell, Frank Scholes III, Neal Sheridan, and sophomore Aaron Bova, who also regularly appeared in Muhlenberg's top five finishers.

Also returning are senior Samir Pandya and juniors David Brightbill and Matthew Hayn, who ran inspiring races week after week.

The returning team is joined by a promising batch of upperclassmen and new students. Senior Carl Magdefrau, sophomores Matthew Hazleton, Keith Lynch, William McElroy, and Reed Richards, and freshmen Christopher Catalano, Sean Daubert, and Gabriel DelMoore will make their cross country debuts September 6 at the Garret Mountain Invitational.

The women's side is young, and while there are no seniors, there are seven harriers returning for a second or third season.

Last year's leaders, juniors Katherine duFosse, Jaclynn Miners, and Susan Van Riper, sophomores Cindy Bredefeld, Jennie Love, Elissa Murphy, and Lauren Weisenbergerare are all back for more. New to the team are freshmen Lynn Garzella and Laura Roth.

Training alone for cross-country is a difficult and grueling experience. The Mules, after pursuing a vigorous summer work-out schedule, log forty to fifty miles per week, in local parks and preserves.

The women also open on Saturday, September 6 at the Garret Mountain Invitational. Both men and women run at home in the annual Mule Invitational on the Cedar Crest course at nearby Cedar Crest College, Saturday, September 20th. The women start at 10 a.m., the men at 11.

Cross-country meets are one of the world's largest sporting events. Depending on the number of teams, a field of runners can be as few as fifty or as large as three-hundred. Every race is entirely new, even when it's run on a course familiar to the runners; the huge number of competitors causes a runner's strategy to adapt constantly to new variables. It is a triumph just to finish.

# Volleyball team has a "family" attitude in '97

by Kate Lederman
*Weekly* sports writer

As the first Centennial Conference match approaches, the Lady Mules volleyball team strives for one goal: winning.

Losing only two seniors from the 1996 squad that had a 14-14 record, the Muhlenberg volleyball team returns stronger than ever.

"We are meshing as far as the emphasis on the individual skills and we are now working on team skills...every girl is working hard in the preseason," said Head Coach Mike Krause while looking on his team during practice.

Returning seniors are Nicole Goscilo, Rebecca Lebo, and co-captain Lauren Buyyounoski, the foundation of the 1996 team.

When asked about this year's squad, Lebo commented, "I have such a positive outlook on this year...we all kind of clicked together as a team."

Though Buyyounoski is a large factor in the success of the team, Juniors Meredith Cole, Kristen Conboy, Jen Morgan, co-captain Kimberly Maurer, and Sophomore Allison Verduin work together to form a front line, and a back row that cannot be beaten.

Senior Nicole Goscilo comments, "Lauren (Buyyounoski) continues to be very strong from the outside, but what we need to work on, as a team, is more diversification from the middle and right side."

Only three freshmen have been added to this years' team: middle hitter Jennifer Kahn, Deborah Klos, and Cathryn Pfund. Sophomores Nicole Sayre and Milena Negrao, and Junior Susan Heyel are all looking forward to a positive and winning season.

The Lady Mules had a scrimmage against Lafayette this past week where they held their own against the Division I squad.

The Mules will be playing Moravian on September 9 at 7:00 pm at the Life Sports Center.

The general outlook from the coaches and players is nothing but positive.

"The girls mesh well on and off the court," Coach Krause observes of his team, "we possess a strong sisterhood...everyone is looking out for each other, whether it be academics or social events, there is more than a team on this court...there is a family."

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** 9/6 at Hartwick @ 4:00 pm

**Men's soccer:** 9/6 at Christopher Newport @ 3:00 & 9/7 at Greensboro @ 12:00 pm

**Women's soccer:** 9/5 at Alfred Tournament vs. Alfred, 9/6 at Alfred Tournament vs. Baldwin Wallace & 9/10 home vs. Wilkes @ 4:00

**Volleyball:** 9/9 home vs. Moravian @ 7:00 pm & 9/11 at Albright @ 7:00 pm

**Cross Country:** 9/6 at Garret Mt. Invitational

**Field Hockey:** 9/6 home vs. Moravian @ 11:00 am & 9/10 home vs. E.S.U. @ 4:00 pm

# Football team looks to regain glory

## *Mules look to new head coach and overhauled offensive to turn program around*

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* sports writer

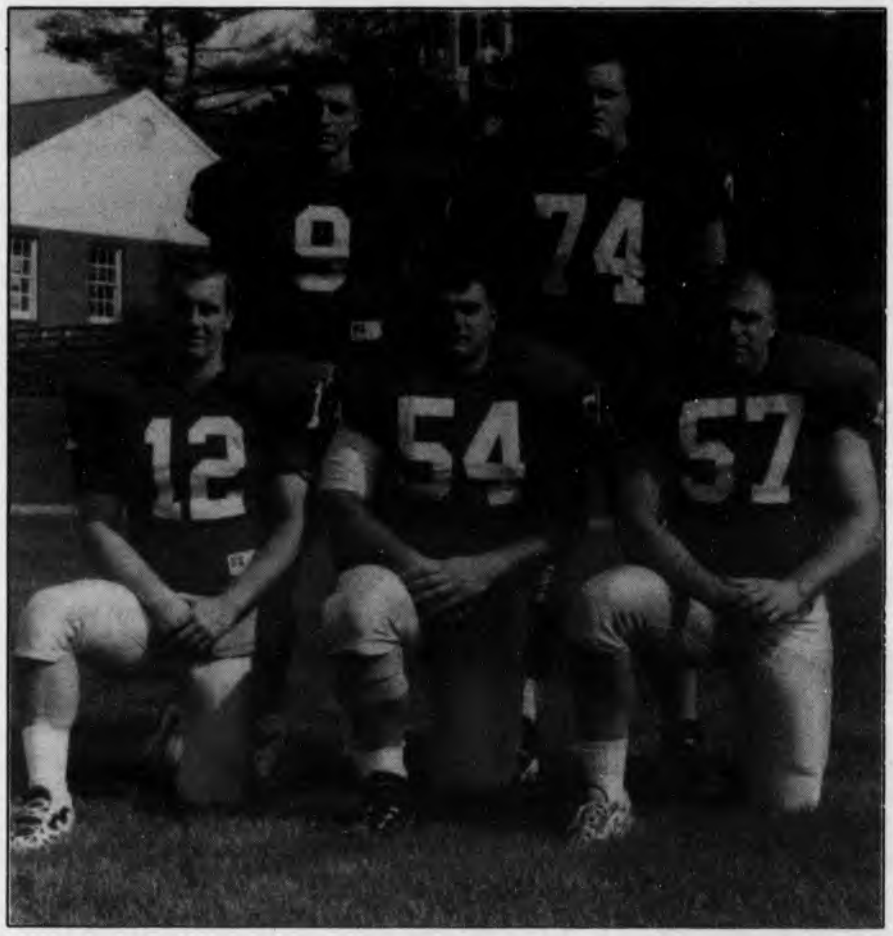
The hits are getting harder, the pass patterns are getting more crisp, and the linemen are having long, detailed conversations about strategy, alternate strategy, and alternate-alternate strategy. There is something in the air that says the 1997 Muhlenberg Varsity Football team is coming back to the Centennial Conference to play and play tough.

The defense shined last season, and four of the top five tacklers have returned. The offense has been modified and improved. The run and shoot of the past season has been revamped, and the running game has been overhauled, with the Mules ready to run strong up the middle out of the 'I' formation.

Team morale is higher than ever. Five senior captains have been elected, and the Mules are chomping at the bit, ready and willing to follow their leaders into battle.

The captains are George Fosdick, quarterback, who passed for 857 yards last season and 7 touchdowns; Dave Johnson, offensive tackle, a real force in preserving the integrity of the line; Jason Novak, defensive tackle, who's recorded nearly 100 tackles in his career; Paul Peri, tight end, who caught 23 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns last year; Jim Socci, linebacker, who last season claimed 76 tackles and two sacks, pounding opposing quarterbacks into the dirt.

In addition to new head coach Mike Donnelly, returning assistant coaches Bob Kohler (defensive backs), Jon McLaughlin (offensive line), and new Assistant Coaches Dave Haninchick (defensive line), Dick Ortwein (running backs), John Troxell (Quarterbacks/ Wide Receivers), and Tony Villante (defensive line) are prepared to train their platoons into the premier fighting force in the Centennial Conference. Janine Adderly '00 is the manager.



*The Captains of the 1997 Muhlenberg football team, from left to right: standing, Paul Peri, Dave Johnson. Kneeling, George Fosdick, Jason Novak, Jim Socci*

The troops have great respect for the "straightforward and blunt" coaching staff, who, while there to exploit players' strengths and correct weaknesses, do so without breaking down their soldiers.

Based upon last year's record, it may appear that there is much to be done to this squad of 67. The truth is that many of last seasons games came down to the very last quarter, with the game against Carnegie Mellon being decided in the last minute and the match against last season's conference champion Ursinus going into overtime. Muhlenberg was the only team to force an overtime with the Ursinus Bears.

While the conference opponents will be as tough as ever, the past few years have made returning upperclassmen hungrier than ever.

The new class of freshmen not only possess the skills needed to get the job done, but have a great passion for and understanding of the game.

The season opens away at Hartwick College, a new opponent for the Mules on September 6th. Then, on September 20th, perennial national power Dickinson comes to town. The Mules will be out to avenge last season's loss. Triumph over Dickinson would be an important step to restoring the glory to the Cardinal and Grey.

# Women's soccer team gears up for new season

## *Mules hope new faces and returning stars will provide winning combination*

by Cristina Genna
*Weekly* sports writer

It is the start of a new school year and while most students are starting to readjust again to college life, the Muhlenberg College women's soccer team is hard at work preparing for a competitive 1997 season.

Arriving a week before most students, the team is looking to improve on a 6-10-2 record last year. Despite the 10 losses, the team still set a school record for fewest goals allowed. They were able to play tough all season, losing eight games by only one goal.

The team is led by Leslie Benintend, who is beginning her third year as the Muhlenberg soccer coach and is assisted by Rhett Goldsmith. Before assuming her head coaching position at Muhlenberg, Benintend spent a year at Kutztown University.

Although at this time no starting line up has been announced, the team has a number of returning starters from last year. The lady booters are led by their tri-captains, Laurie Kennedy, Denise Diorio and Jackie Vanderstreet.

With the loss of three seniors due to graduation, the squad will look for leadership from this year's seniors, a midfielder in Diorio and Kennedy on defense.

Also back are juniors Celina Boer at forward and the reliable goalkeeper Vanderstreet.

The returning starters from the sophomore class are Allison Fish and Lisa Wojtowitcz on defense, forward Shannon Lowther, and mid-fielder Hillary Moses. Coach Benintend said that there is a good core of freshmen which will help the team in all aspects of the game.

When asked about her feelings on the season the third year head coach said "This year's team is very different from the past two clubs. But like all my teams they are serious students as well as athletes, and are anxious to become a part of the great tradition of women's sports at Muhlenberg."

The girls will open their season at home against Misericordia on September 3rd. Coach Benintend said that the Centennial Conference looks very competitive this year.

Among some of the teams looking to challenge the 'Berg women will be national and regional powerhouses such as The College of New Jersey, Skidmore, Gettysburg, Moravian and Rowan.

The team's first big tournament is set for September 5th and 6th at Alfred, NY. The women's soccer team will play seven of their games at home on the new soccer field.

Coach Benintend was ecstatic about the new field and the playing conditions that the facility has to offer. It has spacious room for bleachers to hold large crowds and towering lights that will be used for evening games. A new electric scoreboard has also been installed.

With the leadership from a veteran coach and a solid team, the girl's soccer organization looks forward to having a successful 1997 season.

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# Student Council's East Side Eatery takes semester off

## *Lack of support temporarily eliminates fourth dining option open to students*

by Tony Powell
*Weekly* news writer

It's no big secret that the dining situation here at Muhlenberg College, while decent, is nothing spectacular. here is perpetual overcrowding in the GQ, hour-long waits for food in the Red Door, and the Garden Room is..well, it's the Garden Room.

Recognizing these problems last semester, a few students took the initiative to make some changes. Jamie Hollander, Chris McClary and Denise Diorio began meeting last November with food service personnel to discuss the possibility of an eating establishment on the east end of campus.

The group met frequently for a time, brainstorming and just bouncing ideas around. Finally, the idea for the East Side eatery evolved.

The East Side Eatery was intended to provide students with a more conveniently located alternative to the GQ, Garden Room and Red Door. Wood Services, the food service company that provides for Muhlenberg College, was extremely supportive of the idea.

They offered their services in preparing the food as well as storing it. The East Side Eatery was Student Council funded and employed one work-study student.

*Council members Chris McClary and Lisa Ansorage serve food at the old East Side Eatery during lunch.*

So, what happened and where is the East Side Eatery today? After the idea had been implemented, only two of the key student leaders in this venture remained, the third having gone abroad. Because the food was stored on the west end of campus, it had to be transported back and forth.

The Eatery itself required setting up, normal operating procedures, and then clean-up and shutdown. For just a handful of students, this quickly became overwhelming and far too time-consuming.

The East Side Eatery, however, is not dead yet. The committee has chosen not to re-instate the Eatery for this semester, but legally, the East Side Eatery does still exist. According to Jamie Hollander, a key leader in the venture, there simply was not enough student support.

The turn-out was lower than expected and for the few involved in the operation, the labor investment was just too much. There is always the future, however, and Jamie seemed optimistic that even though this particular idea was not a smashing success, changes for the betterment of Muhlenberg food are being made.

Perhaps with better management and funding, the East Side Eatery will make yet another appearance.

# English department welcomes new professor

## *Dr. Barri Gold brings enthusiasm and varied experience to Muhlenberg*

by Amy Kern
*Weekly* news writer

Dr. Barri Gold is a new addition to the English department this semester as a visiting assistant professor. She taught at Muhlenberg last semester as a part-time lecturer.

Some of the classes she will be teaching include Major British Writers (pre & post 1800), Women Writers, Visual Technologies (a first-year seminar), Victorian Literature (one of her specialties), and 18th Century Literature.

Dr. Gold grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

After living in three different time zones in the past ten years, she has now landed in an area outside of Philadelphia called Penn Valley.

Dr. Gold received her Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago and her BS in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She is interested in sailing, playing bridge, and learning French and how to play the guitar.

Teaching sailing was Gold's first teaching experience.

She also loves cats and science fiction, having grown up on "Star Trek: The Next Generation".

So far, Dr. Gold has enjoyed her time at Muhlenberg. She holds the English department and its writing program in high regard.

She also feels that the students here "have a great attitude and try very hard to learn and succeed."

But most of all, she enjoys the pleasure she receives from seeing her students clearly improve across the course of a semester.

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# News Digest

courtesy of USA Today

Marietta, GA—Lockheed Martin's F-22 Raptor fighter was taken on its maiden test flight, spending an hour in the air flying at speeds up to 285 mph. The Air Force is scheduled to get 339 of the planes to replace the F-15C, currently its top fighter, at a cost of $43 billion. The first squadron of the new Raptors is due to be operational by 2005. "If you can fly a Cessna 150, you can fly this airplane," said test pilot Paul Metz, referring to a popular civilian aircraft. A main advance of the F-22 is its computer system that shows the pilot all of its data on one screen instead of several different monitors, officials said.

Mansfield, OH—General population inmates at Mansfield Correction Institution were allowed out of their cells for meals and for a religious service Sunday, the first day that restrictions have been eased at the facility since an inmate uprising on Friday. Three guards and seven inmates were injured in the riot at the close-security prison after a death row inmate overpowered a guard. Five inmates remained hospitalized in stable condition Sunday. Authorities regained control five hours after the disturbance began. The lockdown remained in effect among the 173 inmates on death row. The prison 60 miles northeast of Columbus has 2,268 inmates.

Ireland—Irish republican leader Martin McGuinness urged US authorities to stop the extradition to Britain of three Irish nationalists who fled a Northern Ireland prison in 1983. McGuinness, chief negotiator for Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, made his plea during a rally in San Francisco on Saturday as part of a national tour to drum up support for peace talks with England. The group is scheduled to enter the negotiations Tuesday. Kevin Artt and Terence Kirby, both convicted of murder, and Pol Brennan, convicted of possessing explosives, sought to block extradition, saying they would be persecuted. They were among 38 who escaped in September 1983 from Maze prison near Belfast, the largest breakout in British history. They were arrested 10 years later in California. In August, a federal judge ordered their extradition.

St. Paul, MN—The state has revoked the special "Purple Heart" license plates issued to Nathanial Robert Wilson, saying he used bogus documents to obtain them. An ex-Green Beret became suspicious of Wilson's background, investigated and gave his findings to the state and FBI.

Ironwood, MI—Civil rights activists are urging people to avoid a Ku Klux Klan rally set for Saturday. They want them to instead attend alternative events promoting racial diversity. The American Knights of the KKK plans a recruitment rally from 1 to 3pm at city hall.

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# Campus Safety Notes

## Juveniles trespass on football field

9/2/97 - Controlled substance - Walz - possession of marijuana and drug periphernalia - referred to Dean's office
9/2/97 - Malicious mischief - CA - vandalism - ripped cord out of telephone
9/2/97 - Fire alarm - 2230 Chew St. - food on stove
9/2/97 - Harassment by communication - Brown - two hang up calls by male caller
9/2/97 - Information - Brown - roommate situation
9/2/97 - Theft from vehicle - 26 St. parking lot - CDs and speakers from a non-student vehicle
9/2/97 - Vandalism - front of Hillel House on Liberty St. - driver's side window smashed
9/3/97 - Theft - 23 and Gordon St. parking lot - bumper parking sticker #0014 stolen
9/3/97 - Injured student - East Hall - laceration
9/4/97 - Fight - 26 St. - between two students - referred to Dean's office
9/5/97 - Sick student - Prosser - nausea and stomach pain
9/5/97 - Motor vehicle accident - non-reportable - 26 St. - scratch on bumper
9/5/97 - Attempted theft and trespassing - football field athletic shed - four juvenile non-students, apprehended three and referred to Juvenile Court
9/6/97 - Sick student - Walz - stomach pain
9/6/97 - Assault - SPE - student on student - referred to Dean's office
9/6/97 - Alcohol violation - SPE - providing alcohol to minors - referred to Dean's office
9/6/97 - Vandalism - Seeger's Union - punch hole in wall where Red Door Cafe menu sign used to be
9/6/97 - Alcohol violation - ML - nine complaints - social code investigation - underage possession - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Alcohol violation - 2243 Liberty St. - unregistered party - noise complaint - unregistered guests - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Alcohol violation - Fraternity Drive - intoxicated student - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Medical transport and alcohol violation - Brown - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Failure to comply with BYOB policy - TKE
9/7/97 - Terroristic threat and underage consumption of alcohol - Walz - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Providing alcohol to minors - ATO - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Providing alcohol to minors - TKE - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Underage consumption - ATO and TKE - one individual - referred to Dean's office
9/7/97 - Suspicious person - Campus - part-time student - referred to Dean's office
9/8/97 - Vehicle hit-and-run - 23 St. parking lot - small scratch on bumper
9/8/97 - Fire/Safety violation - Hillside House - furniture in hallway
9/8/97 - Vandalism - Benfer - second floor landing - smashed light in fixture
9/8/97 - Fire alarm - East Hall - dust from vacuum

Campus Safety wants to remind students to register their vehicles for parking. There is no parking on the front circle for faculty, staff or students. The faculty parking lots open for student permit parking after 5 PM.


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# "Living Writers" series gets off to good start

by Jara Renee Traina
*Weekly* news writer

On Monday, September 8, Muhlenberg College welcomed renowned short story writer Barry Hannah as a lecturer as a part of their Living Writers series. Speaking on his career as a writer, Barry Hannah said that "I didn't know that I was reprehensible by profession until I went to Hollywood, where everything is visual and no one reads."

This former Hollywood screenplay writer for Robert Altman read from his collection of stories entitled, Bats Out of Hell, a collection in which sex and violence are shaped into elaborate yet believable tall tales.

Described by Dr. Alec Marsh as containing "A mixture of existential loneliness and firecrackers, ...You are operating in a realm of higher expectations," the stories brilliantly utilize lies and elevate them to an art form.

Commenting that, "The truth is overrated sometimes," this attribute allows many of Hannah's Jack Lemmon and Walter Mathieu -esque characters to "lie just a little bit, just enough so that they can keep themselves interested in being alive."

Advising the students in attendance about developing their own talents as writers, he said that "There is a purity and uncluttered wisdom that you have at 22 that may be better than anything in your entire life."

Being one of the first writers to emerge from the notion that a strong educational background is crucial in developing writing skills, Hannah still rejects the idea that a writer must be trained in order to practice his craft. Similarly, he denounces the encroachment of the computer age into the field of writing, saying that "I still use a pencil because I like the physical stuff, it feels more true to me."

A native of Mississippi, Hannah grew up in the same town as William Faulkner. Ironically, he is to receive the Faulkner Award from the Faulkner Foundation in Rennes, France at the end of this month. He is currently a Professor of Writing in residence at the University of Mississippi, from where he also received his undergraduate degree. He has also taught writing at Middlebury and Clemson Colleges.

Quite a prolific writer, thirty five of his short stories have appeared in national magazines including: Esquire, Harper's Review, and the New Yorker among others at the University of Mississippi.

He has also written 11 books, High Lonesome, his most recent book, has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He was also twice nominated for the National Book Award, awarded in Fiction from the Academy of Arts and Letters in 1979.

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# "Brigadoon" to be new theater director's 'Berg debut

by Eric Hildenbrand
*Weekly* news writer

The Theater Department welcomed in a new staff member at the beginning of the year. Professor Jay Malarcher joined the department over the summer and will help take some of the teaching load off the head of the department Charles Richter. This semester Mr. Malarcher will be teaching History of Drama I and Introduction to Dramatic Arts.

In addition to teaching Mr. Malarcher will be directing Muhlenberg Theater Association's musical *Brigadoon* this fall. He has many directing and acting credits including his direction of William Shakespeare's *Love's Labor's Lost* which he directed at St. John's, and a small role in Oliver Stone's *JFK*.

Mr. Malarcher is quite pleased at getting a chance to direct *Brigadoon*, a play about an encounter between two American hunters and a mystical Scottish town that arises out of the mist every 100 years. "The dancing and music is great...[we are going to] find the center and use everything to support it." He also hopes the audience won't just think of *Brigadoon* as a happy musical, he calls it "a play with music."

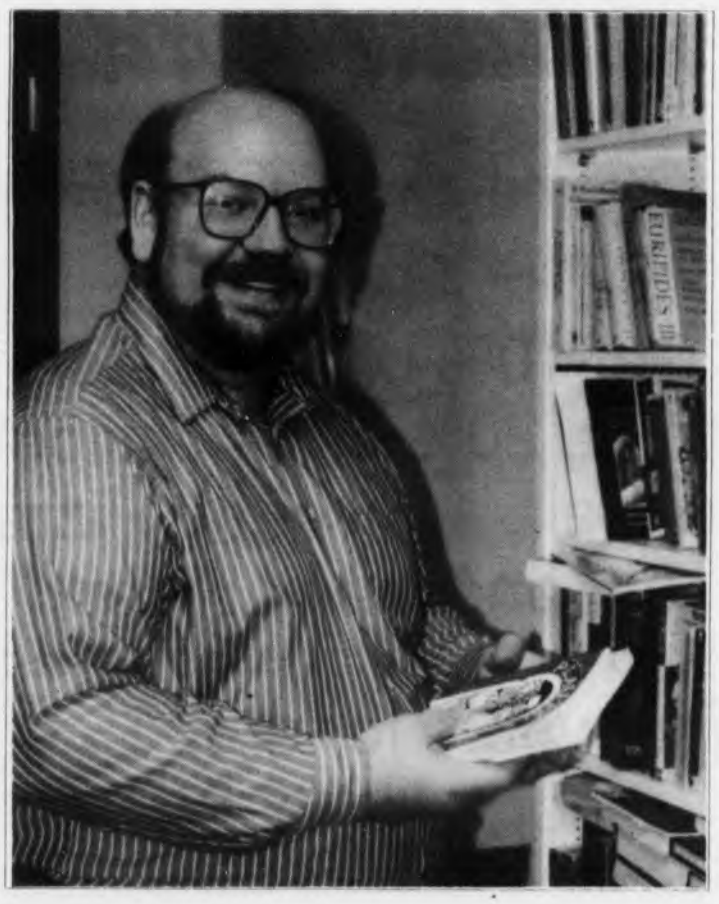
Mr. Malarcher grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended Loyola College in New Orleans where he double majored in communications and Russian. He then taught high school in Louisiana for several years as well as being a radio announcer and producer.

Mr. Malarcher then traveled to Annapolis, Maryland where he pursued a masters at St. John's in their Great Book program. Upon obtaining his masters, Mr. Malarcher received a fellowship at Louisiana State University, where he got his doctorate in theater.

"I decided on theater because it combined everything I loved," Mr. Malarcher commented.

Mr. Malarcher's background in liberal education makes him a good match for Muhlenberg.

"I definitely believe in undergraduate liberal arts education" he said, "[Muhlenberg] is a great place, theater is embraced, the liberal arts are alive here." Mr. Malarcher hopes to incorporate his background into his classes by "enriching the class with culture, and exploring the legends behind the plays."



# *Excess Baggage* proves to be clueless where it counts

**Excess Baggage ★★**
**Universal Pictures (PG-13)**
**Movie Review by:**
**Brian Teta**
**Entertainment Editor**

Let me make one thing clear from the onset. I love Alicia Silverstone.

I know she may not be the greatest actress in the world, but I don't really care.

She could star in a film about grain production and I would still be riveted to the screen.

Alicia has a smile that blinds the viewer to the most gaping plot holes and a voice that, no matter how lame the dialogue, makes you believe in every word she speaks.

That being the case, I still hated *Excess Baggage*. The film on grain production would have been preferable.

The movie is the first offering by Silverstone's new production company "First Kiss Productions" (sigh) and also the first in her multi-million dollar, three picture deal that had many Hollywood insiders scoffing.

Still, bad as *Excess Baggage* is, Silverstone does seem to have some decent production skills.

**Alicia Silverstone and *Muhlenberg Weekly* Entertainment Editor Brian Teta backstage at Late Show with David Letterman while promoting her new film *Excess Baggage*.**

She has assembled a talented supporting cast to surround herself with including the always funny Nicholas Tutturo and the always spooky Christopher Walken.

In fact most of the film's faults lie less with the acting and more with the poorly written and predictable script.

Silverstone plays a spoiled rich girl (a stretch she handles amicably) who, desperate for her father's attention, fakes her own kidnapping and holds herself for ransom.

Shortly after stashing herself in the trunk to complete the ruse, her car is stolen by a small time yet ridiculously high-tech car thief.

Of course romance and hilarity ensue.

Christopher Walken is convincing and mysterious in his role as Silverstone's uncle, a man who seems to be looking after her best interests, but also suspects there is more going on then meets the eye. He is by far the most talented actor in the ensamble and his efforts are unfortunetly wasted on a weak script.

Silverstone does the impossible and manages to negate most of her appeal (even for me) in what I can only guess is an attempt to act against type.

Gone are the longing doe eyes and trademark lingering pouts from her *Clueless* and Aerosmith days.

In their place is a grungy, whining, mess of a character that evokes little or no sympathy from her audience.

You really can't blame her father for keeping his distance.

The audience would do best to keep their distance as well. Even if it means missing Alicia.

## Lehigh Valley General Cinema Showtimes

**The Game (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50**
**Fire Down Below (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 9:50**
**Men In Black (PG13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:40, 10:00**
**She's So Lovely (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00**
**Mimic (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45**
**G.I. Jane (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:15, 9:40**
**George of the Jungle (PG) 12:20, 4:50, 9:20**
**Hercules (G) 2:50, 7:10**
**Copland (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30**
***Come see L.A. Confidential at 7:20 and stay to see Fire Down Below at 9:50 or come see In and Out at 8:00 and stay to see Men In Black at 10:00**

## AMC Tilghman 8 Theater Showtimes

**Air Force One (R) 4:40, 7:40, 10:30 (1:30 Sat./Sun. only)**
**The Game (R) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 (1:20 Sat./Sun. only)**
**Conspiracy Theory (R) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 (1:00 Sat./Sun. only)**
**GI Jane (R) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 (1:10 Sat/Sun. only)**
**Hercules (G) 5:00, 9:00 (1:00 Sat./Sun. only)**
**George of the Jungle (G) 7:00 (3:00 Sat./Sun. only)**
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# Uninvited Guests crash the Red Door Cafe

## *Comedy troupe performs to standing room only crowd*

by Alex McTighe & Carly M. Ringer
*Weekly* Entertainment Writers

On Friday night September 5, The Red Door Cafe had several "Uninvited Guests."

Adam Matyseck, Ryan "Snoop" Gardner, Elmer Moore Jr., Ian Alderman, Bill VonRoth III, Ruben Ortiz and their comedy improv troupe "Uninvited Guests" delighted the standing room only crowd.

"Uninvited guest was an unprecedented success, drawing a larger crowd then most MAC sponsered events, including many big name comedians.

Lighting and tech work were coordinated by Dan DeBlasio, Scott Lazar, Brendon Pilder and Sam Stein.

**Univited Guests were an unqualified smash at the Red Door last week attracting a huge crown and performing to a standing room only audience.** ***Photo by Carly Ringer.***

And what a fine job they did. This all male group is a student run organization not affiliated with 'berg. When confronted about not having a female member their response was quiet interesting.

"We have no need for a token woman because we are all women in our own right."

These hopeful traveling performers opened with Dan DeBlasio doing a monologue about the recent and sadly demised hermit crabs. The expectations of the audience were that the hermit crabs would race.

Junior Raymond Carter called the Uninvited Guests, "upbeat, funny, provocative and very enjoyable."

The hour long performance contained interactive skits, parodies, and absurdities.

Gone was the long drawn out Improv groups that had performed in the past.

The "Uninvited Guests" are clever, spontaneous, crazy, intelligent and original.

A sophomore said, "I could not stop laughing, and if I did, it was only to catch my breath."

Skits such as "OJ Party" and "A Boy's Life," "The Nine Inch Nails/ Closer" Barber Shop Quartet, along with parody, were so hilarious that they got a much deserved standing ovation.

Part of what makes the group so phenomenal is the diversity among the members.

Though each has a different comedy style, Ian says, "We are all about the group not the individual."

Adam, Elmer, and Ian were all part of a campus organization called "Twice Baked."

The three decided to break away to form their own troupe.

They found they were missing something. Ruben, Ryan, and, Bill.

The six, being good friends, knew they had the ability to make others laugh.

Let alone themselves. Ruben is part of the local comedy group Oxymorons and Bill and Ryan are just "wild and crazy guys" who bring their own spice into this brew.

Ian takes the credit for the name, Uninvited Guests.

He stumbled upon the idea. The phrase "unbidden visitors", accredited to Shakespeare, was ingenoiusly changed to Uninvited Guests.

"Since the days of Aristotle, troupes of comedic performers would roam from town to town performing for whomever would watch.

Perhaps in exchange for a loaf of bread, perhaps for a nights lodging, but everywhere they went, they were UNINVITED GUESTS."

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# Consult The Mule.....

## Your Weekly Horoscopes

by Jen Zwirn & Sherry Fazio

### Aries

Oh Aries, decisions, decisions, decisions... it seems as if they've been taking over lately.

How can you possibly get any sleep at night knowing you've got so much hanging over you?!

Usually things aren't this difficult but just recently you seem to be overwhelmed with issues.

Have no fear, though, Aries...this too shall pass. You're a strong person and you're known to attain all you set out to do.

It's always been hard for you to hurt those close to you, but here's a reality check for you —sometimes in life, you've got to use a little truth serum to get yourself back into that stress-free zone.

It's high time that you come to terms with everything going on around you.

Sticky situations really aren't your specialty but even you, Aries, have to deal with them now and then.

### Taurus

Hey Taurus, we've got to give you oodles of props for your amazing loyalty and devotion.

You deserve a very big pat on the back. Yet again, you have gone above and beyond the call of duty for your friends and loved ones but what else is new?!

With your cheery disposition and exceptionally rare ability to remain diplomatic in every situation you encounter, you are just as good as they come.

With all of those good deeds you do nonstop, you'd think that you'd be bombarded with recognition, however we all know that it's just now the case.

Don't fret, Taurus, even though people don't always show how appreciative they are of your mere presence, we all notice how special you are.

### Gemini

Oh Gem, you should be a poster child for learning how to deal in college!

In the past week you have used every word of advice that your mother drilled in to your head before arriving here.. you know that stuff that you swore you'd never need.

Come on and share with the rest of us.. how exactly do you do it?!

You have really excelled in learning to deal and to cope with whatever stepping stones have been place on your path.

Just be sure that you remember these recent events and just how strong you can be for the future, when things just suddenly appear...things that you wouldn't even wish on your worst enemy.

Always keep in mind that sooner or later all good things come to an end and you may have to start from scratch again.

### Cancer

Hello there, Cancer...looks as if you're up to some evil lately just to prove a point. Well, who are we to stop you?!

Sometimes you have to follow your heart and go where it takes you.

If there's one things that you've learned recently, it's surely the fact that if you've got something to say, spit it out and say it!

You're surely not known to just sit back and let things fall into place.

We're glad to know that you're finally taking your own advice and fulfilling your long-intended goal of getting others to recognize what stress they've been causing you lately.

Just try to consider others' feelings and the possible outcomes of your entire ordeal.

Do what makes *you* happy in the long run because that is what is really most important.

### Leo

You know, Leo, you're just not happy unless someone else is frowning, huh?!

That seems awfully heartless of you and we know that's not the real you...for goodness sake, Leo, wouldn't you agree that it's high time that you come to terms with all the trouble and mishaps you've been standing in the center of lately?!

You've come to the point in your life where you need to admit your faults and fess up to your bad habit of stirring up a little ruckus every now and then.

The thing is, there's nothing wrong with creating some excitement as long as it doesn't hurt others...but your excitement is hurting others.

Clearly you have way too little to do on this campus if you have time to create petty quarrels...get a hobby, read a book, or hop online, but please, we beg you, knock off the *"he said-she said"* game and move on!

### Virgo

You are to be commended this week, Virgo! You have just made a grand step in the scheme of things and we give you mad props for it.

First of all, Virgo, you took the initiative to recognize the fact that something in your life has been on the battle field for far too long.

However, you've been strong enough to overcome it and grow a great deal in the process.

See, we know you are already aware of this, but it's nice to be reminded every now and then that life is too short to keep things pent up inside of you, just growing and growing as the time keeps on a tickin'!

It takes a lot out of somebody to be the bigger person in a situationso Virgo, you've done a great deed...consider yourself an official angel in disguise!

### Libra

Well, Libra, this week you've noticed that things come and go in life, people make their mark and move on, and very few things ever stay the same.

This is why it is so important that we make the most of every minute we have. Life is all about taking chances, getting hurt, learning, growing, and getting stronger from every experience.

If you don't give things a chance, then you'll never know what you might be missing.

People will come and go, they'll teach you their thing and you'll teach them yours but then you'll move on to something new. Just try to enjoy every second that you have here and have a good time.

College is rough but understanding the entire experience and what you're learning in the process is what makes it so special.

So next time opportunity comes a knockin' go ahead and open the door....or else you'll never know what you might have missed!

### Scorpio

Oh, dear, Scorp, here we go again...seems like you've been snooping in someone else's business lately...why is this?!

After all, who do you think you are....Sherlock Holmes or Magnum P.I.?!

You know, Scorp, it's great to be concerned with other people and to take their feelings into account but all too often, when you start doing this, you get your nose stuck where it doesn't belong.

How about taking a step back and evaluating your own experiences instead?!

We are very certain that you have plenty of things to work out for yourself and there is no need to be involved with other people's traumas.

Once you get yourself in order, then you might have good reason to go ahead and attempt to very diplomatically help out a friend.

Until then, Scorpio, perhaps you ought to just let things lie!

### Sagittarius

Hey Sag, well you sure have learned about diplomacy this week.

Go you! You have been placed in the most awkward of situations but you made it through with flying colors because you've learned how to deal with everything so well.

Biting your tongue and just accepting the inevitable is something that really stinks, but because you're so strong, you'll be ready to deal with most anything that creeps up on you in the future.

Just think about how much easier everything else will be now that you have conquered the more difficult times.

### Capricorn

Dear, dear Capricorn...how quickly we forget the meaning of the word friend, huh?!

You know what a friend is, don't you?! Someone who's loyal and devoted and honest in every situation, but somehow you must have forgotten that part of it.

Seems like you've been hiding things from a person very close to you and for no good reason at all.

If you are trying to protect someone, that's all well and good, but come on already and share what you know in order to help them...there's nothing wrong with trying to get a friend out of a sticky situation but dealing with it entirely by yourself is not the way to go at all.

Talk to the person about what's going on and open up to them honestly.

In the end, you'll feel better and your conscience will too.

### Aquarius

Hey Aquarius, you sure have turned into Mr./Miss Honesty lately.

Even though Mom has always told you that honesty is the best policy, sometimes being so utterly blatant about every little detail of life just isn't the way to go.

Actually you may find a lot of people crying due to your bad choice of words...your truth potion doesn't just hurt, it kills.

Sometimes you have to be a bit more discreet about things, Aquarius.

Try being a little diplomatic for a change! We're here to clue you in to the fact that although it may be hard for you to keep your mouth closed, if you want to keep your old friends, next time you'll think before you actually speak.

### Pisces

Well, Pisces, looks like you're all that and a bag of chips lately...so why are you so confused and clueless about just how cool you are?!

After all, you happen to be a fantastic person to depend on, let alone just hanging out with.

You tend to sell yourself short a lot of the time, but that doesn't mean that others do as well. What's up with this newfound insecurity?

Everyone you charm knows just how, well, charming you can actually be...it's almost as if you put people under a magic spell with that amazing aura that surrounds you.

So why exactly have you been flooded with uncertainty about everything lately?!

You know, Pisces, everything you do is in your control, so how about getting a grip on your personality and enjoying what you've been blessed with?!

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**Well, the awards show season is well underway, and the *Weekly* picked about 3/4 of the MTV Awards Winners correctly. Lets see how we do this week...**

# 49th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, Sunday Oct. 12th 8:00 P.M.

**Drama Series**
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The X-Files

**Lead Actor in a Drama Series**
David Duchovny *The X-Files*
Anthony Edwards *ER*
*Dennis Franz *NYPD Blue*
Jimmy Smits *NYPD Blue*
Sam Waterston *Law & Order*

**Lead Actress in a Drama Series**
Gillian Anderson *The X-Files*
Roma Downey *Touched By An Angel*
Christine Lahti *Chicago Hope*
*Julianna Margulies *ER*
Sherry Stringfield *ER*

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**Comedy Series**
Fraiser
*The Larry Sanders Show
Mad About You
Seinfield
3rd Rock From the Sun

**Lead Actor in a Comedy Series**
*Michael J. Fox *Spin City*
Kelsey Grammer *Fraiser*
John Lithgow *3rd Rock from The Sun*
Paul Reiser *Mad About You*
Garry Shandling *The Larry Sanders Show*

**Lead Actress in a Comedy Series**
*Ellen DeGeneres *Ellen*
Fran Drescher *The Nanny*
Helen Hunt *Mad About You*
Patricia Richardson *Home Improvement*
Cybill Shepard *Cybill*

**Miniseries**
In Cold Blood
The Last Don
*The Odyssey
Prime Suspects 5: Errors Of Judgement
Stephen King's The Shining

**TV-Movie**
Bastard Out Of Carolina
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If These Walls Could Talk
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**Variety, Music, or Comedy Series**
Dennis Miller Live
*Late Show with David Letterman
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The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
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## Activities on Campus for the Week of September 11

**Thursday, September 11**
8pm - Sorority RUSH - Theme Party

**Friday, September 12**
5pm - Hillel Shabbat Dinner
9pm - RHA Coffeehouse: "Danny Holmes" - Front Lawn
9:30pm - MAC Movie "Jerry Maguire" - Red Door Cafe
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Saturday, September 13**
1:30pm - Soccer Stadium Dedication
3pm - Men's Soccer vs Hiram
9pm - Real Deal Crazy Game Show - Red Door Cafe
10:30pm - MAC Movie "Jerry Maguire" - Red Door Cafe
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Sunday, September 14**
1pm - Latin Alliance Festival - Front Lawn
3pm - Men's Soccer vs Clark

Monday, September 15
5pm - Hillel Trip to Phillies vs Mets - RSVP x3244
9pm - Monday Night Football - Philly @ Dallas
Red Door Cafe - 15 cent wings
Drawing for $20 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse (Be there before kick-off and in the 3rd quarter)

**Tuesday, September 16**
8pm - Sorority RUSH Skit Party

**Wednesday, September 17**
12n - Sesqui Lecture - held off campus
4pm - Men's Soccer vs Elizabethtown
8pm - Sorority RUSH - Skit Party

# Letters to the Editor

## IFC Expresses Concern Over Weekend Behavior

To The Muhlenberg Community-

We, the members of Muhlenberg's Fraternities, have some concerns that we feel need to be expressed. For a long time now, our registered parties have provided a large majority of the social life during the weekends. However, over the past few weeks, we have had many problems with students acting very irresponsibly during the parties, as well as walking to and from them. When you enter these parties, remember that you are a GUEST, and it is not your right to be there; it is a privilege. Our ability to have parties is also a privilege that can be easily removed, especially if these problems continue. If these actions do not change, the fraternities might be forced to stop having parties altogether. WE don't want to threaten people, we just want you to have a good time on the weekends like everyone else. However, we are tired of paying for it severely a few days later. Please take this into consideration the next time you are invited to our parties.

Craig Nussbaum
IFC President

Jason Ross
IFC Vice-President
President, ATO

Ben DiLorenzo
IFC Secretary/Treasurer

Stephen Daniel
President, AEPi

Brian Dunfee
President, SPE

Paul Peri
President, TKE

Mark Morrison
President, DTD

## Student Requests Lights to be Left On

To the Editor:

You know what bothers me quite a bit? When people don't go that extra step to help someone else out. I'm not talking about anything major, but just trying to make someone else's life a little easier. For instance holding the door open for someone. When you hold the door for someone you're really saying "It's O.K.. I know life can be hard but I'm here for you." If more people understood that life is a cycle, and when you help others out it will one day come back to you, the world would be a much better place. One such example that I know would really help me out is if the people who operated the room behind the campus mailboxes left the lights on. I'm not sure if you have ever noticed, but when the lights are on you can easily see if you have mail in your box simply by casting a glance as you walk by. However, if the lights are not on, checking your mail box becomes an entire ordeal. You have to walk all the way up to your mailbox and move your head back and forth peering into the dark cave looking for any shadow to signal you if you have mail or not. I would like to ask the mail room workers if they could go that extra mile and leave the lights on, because hey, life is hard enough.

Sam Stein '00

## Student Council Member Supports Name Change

To the Editor:

"A Church is the people, not the building". This is a saying that many of us were taught when we were younger. The red doors across campus symbolize that Muhlenberg is a Lutheran affiliated school. There is no reason that we should have a cafe, The Red Door, named as such to demonstrate our school's Lutheran affiliation. Yes, it has had that name for many years, but a different name will not detract from the "redness" or the symbolism of any of the red doors on campus.

The goal of the name change is to honor our great athletes, both past and present, who are all too often overlooked. There was an editorial in last week's *Muhlenberg Weekly* written by Larry Carney which said that the name change was simply to bring more business to the Red Door Cafe. However, this is not the case. By changing the name of The Red Door cafe we will be celebrating Muhlenberg athletics, as well as the sesquicentennial anniversary.

Changes must be common on our campus or none of us will truly be prepared to face what lies ahead of us, after Muhlenberg. Please continue to frequent The Red Door, your student council has worked hard to bring you a new atmosphere which will be completed by October break. Look for new changes, such as sports memorabilia, televisions, new video games, a mural and much more. This is your school, why not think up your own name for The Red Door?

Lisa Ansorge '00

## Student Applauds Uninvited Guests and Becky Grace

It was wonderful! It was great! It was Unbelieveable! Not only am I talking about the Uninvited Guests performance last Friday in the Red Door, but I am also talking about the support which the entertainers received from the Muhlenberg Student Body. It hasn't been too often in my three years here at this school, that I have seen this many students come out for a single event. However, after the performance, I can see why this group of 5-7 students attracted the crowd they did. They were GREAT!!! They were brilliant!!! It amazes me that these students can be sooo funny while performing their skits impromptu. I give Uninvited Guests a lot of credit and respect for what they have done to make this campus laugh. I was also impressed with the advertising that was done for this show; I saw signs and posters all over the place. If a student didn't know about this show last Friday, then they must not have had their eyes open the past week and a half. And for those of you who didn't come out to see this performance, I strongly encourage you to attend the next Uninvited Guest comedy skit. I guarantee you will be falling off your seat from laughter. To the 5-7 students who put on this show, I thank you for making me laugh, for making the campus come together for an activity, and I encourage you to keep up the awesome work. YOU WERE GREAT!!!

I would also like to take this time to thank Becky Grace for the wonderful work she is doing for this campus. She has increased the student activities 200% while providing a variety of things to do. Becky, I commend and respect the things you are doing for the students. Thank you very much!!! I only hope the other students notice your work and come out to support the activities.

David Garbe '98

## Professional Athletes Draw Criticism

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

Professional athletes today seem to be disintegrating into morons lately. I stayed up to watch a round by round description of the fight between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson. I think everyone knows what happened in that debacle, but just in case someone doesn't, Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's ear. Tyson was subsequently suspended with his license to box revoked indefinitely. Tyson was only fined one tenth of his purse though, which I found appalling. Even more pathetic was Tyson's post fight comment "...I'm a survivor, the only way I won't survive is if I'm dead or something..." Brilliant statement there. It is really a shame that people idolize morons like Tyson.

During the summer, the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves offered Kevin Garnett, a player the same age as many of us here on campus, a seven year contract worth about twenty million dollars a YEAR. Garnett turned it down, calling it "insulting". Give me a break. Who is Kevin Garnett? What has he won? I feel really bad for him and his family being forced to live on twenty million dollars a year. I know it would be a tough life, but hey, life is hard. Twenty million a year is a salary that would surely place Garnett in poverty. Talk about morons.

There are too many athletes to mention that seem to think a little too highly about themselves. Michael Irvin, for example, asking the police officer who was arresting him "Do you know who I am?". Like the cop cares. It's really a shame, but this attitude is becoming all too prevalent among athletes today. They seem to believe they are better than life, and the normal rules of society don't apply to them. How about Bruce Smith celebrating his new contract via charges on D.U.I.? Yet another fine example for the young children who idolize him.

There a few athletes who renew our faith in the overall goodness of athletes. Cal Ripken Jr., the finest shortstop in baseball history, agreed to move to third base in order to help his team. Not to mention the fact that Ripken hasn't missed a game since the early 1980's. Often, there will be a story of an athlete that takes a pay cut in order to play for a winning team. Unfortunately, these examples are few and far between. Professional sports need more of this. It is really a shame that athletes act like such morons, but this behavior will continue until we treat them as regular citizens, and not place them on a pedestal upon which they are obviously are unfit to stand.

## Student Council Introduces New Column

Council Corner
by Ayla Tezel

The past week for Student Council has been a productive one. First, and most importantly, we held our weekly meeting outside on Brown Mall. There were many first year students in attendance, and their enthusiasm was well expressed. Nominations for Student and Class Council positions for the Class of 2001 begin on September 18, and the election is October 7. In addition to the first year student election, there is also a Student Council Representative position open for the Class of 1998. The date for that election is the same. All are welcome to run for these positions and become more involved at Muhlenberg.

Currently, Student Council is working on three main projects. The first is a kiosk that will be placed in Parent's Plaza. This will be a pace where students can advertise activities and place flyers showcasing any event.

Our second project is powder puff football. Our plan is to have the women of Muhlenberg take to the football field at half-time of the football games. The players will be fully protected and will have received some helpful tackling tips from the football players and coaches.

Finally, all the suggestions are in for the renaming of the Red Door. At tonight's meeting we will be discussing the names and voting to cut the list down to five. Once again, everyone is encouraged to come to the meeting and have a say in this momentous change.

Also, Student Council is staying on top of the city ordinance related to off-campus housing. The Student Body will be informed of any and all developments.

# Assistant Editors Discuss Campus Activities and Other Options Available

**As We See It**
by Heidi Herder and Jillian Lovejoy
Assistant Editors

At the start of yet another school year, Muhlenberg students are faced with the same dilemma as in previous years: we seem to be stuck in a social rut. It is supposedly our school's responsibility to help us grow into productive, responsible adults-academically, as well as socially. Now our school is not lacking in the academic field, however there appears to be a slight problem when it comes to the social aspect of campus living.

This is where the Muhlenberg Activities Council (that's MAC to you and me) steps in. MAC's job is to provide students with alternatives to the party scene-alternatives that will occupy us, and maybe even interest us a little bit. Everyone gets tired of the routine Thursday, Friday and Saturday night parties, so technically MAC should give the weary a well-needed break. MAC has planned events such as movies, and unknown comedians and musical acts for the upcoming months. The movies provide the bulk of their scheduled activities. Judging from the calendar which they provided, the same films will be recycled over Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, with an occasional weeknight showing. The scheduled times have improved compared to last year's, when many movies were shown during the week. They have also sponsored hypnotists, "carnivals," magicians, karaoke night, and other various kinds of entertainment.

Were these shows worthwhile? Honestly, we couldn't tell you. It seems that there is a little problem with attendance at these gatherings: no one goes. Perhaps it's lack of publicity, or student apathy, or maybe we need a wider range of activities. However, some MAC events are very well attended. Certain comedians and bands have drawn a crowd. But these types of functions are few and far between. Last weekend, the prospect of bingo and hermit crab racing actually came up. This event was canceled at the last minute, replaced by a virtual reality simulator. It seems that MAC is not providing what the students need.

Case scenario: "Bobby" is a Muhlenberg student who enjoys the company of others, however is not fond of the fraternity scene. He doesn't want to shut himself in his room come Friday night, with no human contact until his first class on Monday. What is there for "Bobby" to do?

He can go to the Red Door Cafe Friday, Saturday and Sunday to enjoy the same featured movie all three nights. Also, if "Bobby's" movie starts at 8pm, it's safe to assume that it will be over by 10pm. So, poor "Bobby" heads back to his room at the exact time that everyone is preparing to go out. Even with the aid of MAC, "Bobby" is left to spend his weekends in solitude.

How would you feel if you were "Bobby?" Probably very let down. We would not be the least bit surprised if "Bobby's" face mysteriously disappeared next semester. Don't get us wrong, MAC's effort is admirable. They try, and it is understandable that it is extremely difficult to come up with plans that will satisfy the entire student body. Which leads us to question, has MAC ever taken a poll to see what students would be interested in doing? If so, perhaps it's time for another to be distributed. With such limited options, we go out on weekends, to frolic merrily with our friends, having "the best time ever." But too much of anything always wears thin. There are times when students long for different possibilities. We speak for the majority of students when we point out that campus safety intervention gets a little tiring for all involved (including the officers, who are just doing their job). Fact: we are here to learn (sorry kids, this is true). Fact: we do need to socialize. And there's nothing wrong with going to parties. It's a huge part of college life. But every once in a while, a change of pace would be nice. We don't exactly live in a "college town" where there are numerous places to go. Nor are we in a big city, where we can get away for the day, however much we would enjoy this. Honestly, how many times can you go to the Lehigh Valley Mall? So it looks like we're stuck. Go drink, or watch hermit crab races. Which would you pick?

# Columnist Rejects Status Quo and Conformity on Campus

**Worlds Apart**
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

Welcome back to campus! For those of you who are beginning your illustrious career here at the Berg', welcome to your home away from home for the next four years! Now I know that some of you just won't fit in here at Muhlenberg, but after careful review of the 'meat book' I'm sure that most of you will. For those of you who don't feel as though you quite fit in here there's always the proverbial state school fallback or sophomore year transfer. Actually it's quite natural to feel as though you are somewhat of an outcast here at Muhlenberg. It's tough to try and keep up with the esteemed Status Quo (SQ).

It's difficult to believe that even here within the bubble you need to measure up to some type of standard. I dare say that the very 'bubble' that attracts and appeals to students is the cause of this unseading turmoil and unease that one feels when on campus. What I'm speaking of is the type of looks people give you as you walk through parents plaza. The blank stares and transparent questions that students ask you each time you return to campus: "How was your summer?" or "Did you have a good break?" I often seem to wonder how genuine their inquiry is. If they truly were my friend wouldn't they have been an active part of my summer? I can't say that I'm not a hypocrite because I've also often caught myself uttering those catch phrases.

Muhlenberg offers something for everyone regardless of race, creed, religion, or smoking preference. The office of Mulitcultural Life is ever present with its signs for Latin Alliance fests and such. There is a large social gathering of fraternities and sororities to join. The many different religions are represented through various circles and volunteer activities. The bright and colorful flyers and bulletins that adorn the hallowed stairway of Seegers alerts one of the plethora of organizations and groups to join on campus.

Basically there's about two to three types of clubs that one can join to satisfy their various needs and interests. So why not join! Although the tools and resources are apparent the participation is apparently lacking. I would guarantee that the meetings that took place in the first two weeks of school were minimally, if not sparsely attended. The only thing that really gets attended around here are those extracurricular events and lectures that your professors require you to attend; in essence motivation and participation are very much graded.

Everyone conforms to some aspect of the SQ. Those of you who don't conform are just adding in part to the confusion of the inescapable 'bubble effect'. By being non-conformists people don't actively attempt to change anything, although it may seem as such to them. Non-conformists live inside their own bubble. This NC bubble is often seen rolling around within the confines of campus. Those of you who don't conform reject the self-centered values of the SQ, but conform to your own self-imposed standards of living. None of this is helping the problem of apathy within the campus community.

The SQ is so interested in how they compare to everyone else that they notice nothing more than the changing trends in image around them. While at the same time the non-conformists are so adamately against conforming that they reject all levels of participation on principle alone. This has been your weekly dosage of propaganda, thank you very much.

# Columnist Endorses Halogen Lamp Safety

**The World According to Me**
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

I recently sat down with the Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole and interviewed him, questioning him on various topics and addressing the recent mail I received concerning halogen light safety.

Me: Welcome Mr. Lupole, I want to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to interview you.

Ken: Who are you?

Me: That's not important. Let me begin. What do you think is the number one problem here at Muhlenberg College, in regards to the well-being of every student?

Ken: Well, that certainly is a good question, John.

Me: My name is Josh.

Ken: Oh yeah. Halogen light safety is the number one concern on this campus right now.

Me: What about underage drinking, student violence, or speeding cars down Chew Street?

Ken: See, you have to keep material at least eight to ten inches away from the bulb.

Me: Thank you but what about-

Ken: And when you leave the room you should turn the light off.

Me: I'm sure that's important too, but-

Ken: If you leave it on all day you should wait a while before sticking your hand against the fiery halogen bulb.

Me: Okay, thank you for your time. Read my article next week when I'll be interviewing-

Ken: My mother has a halogen lamp.

*This interview represents the work of the author and is supposed to be humorous and if not entertaining. There never was an interview with Ken Lupole, but be assured that he is serious when it comes to halogen light safety. So be afraid, be very afraid. Thank you.

*There are STILL a few positions available for Weekly writers. Call x3187 for details!*

# Profile of a Mule: Mike Donnelly

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* sports columnist

After yet another disappointing season last fall, the Muhlenberg Football team needed a miracle to come in and clean up the mess created by former Head Coach Greg Olejack.

The team received this savior in the form of Mike Donnelly, a man who has helped rejuvenate stalling programs in the past, including the once laughable University of Columbia program.

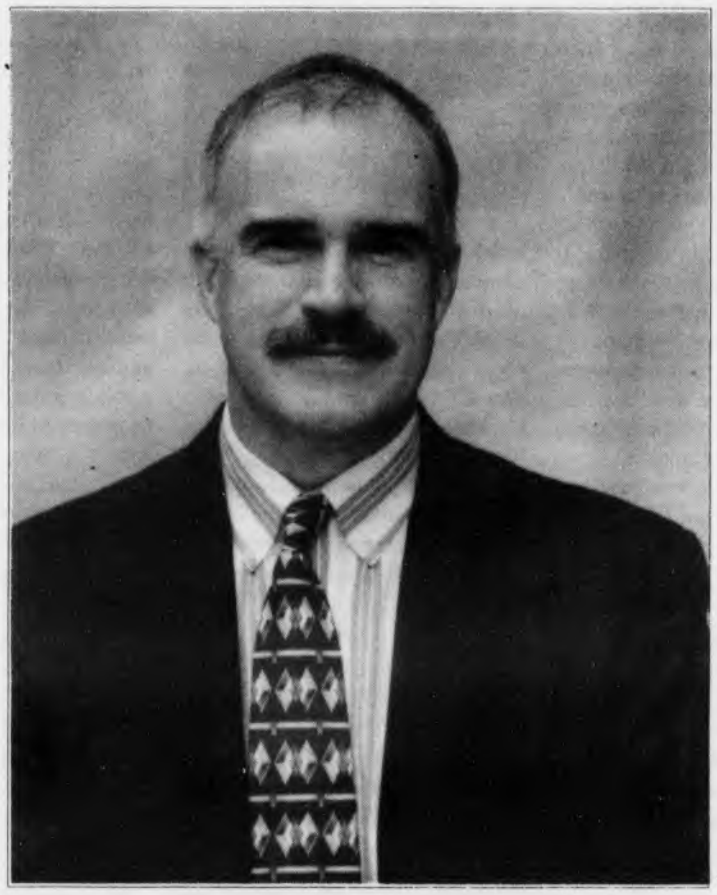
Coming to Muhlenberg is a kind of homecoming for Coach Donnelly. Although he originally came from Albany, NY, he lived in Easton, Pa for several years of his life. Coach Donnelly brings with him an impressive resume totalling 21 years of coaching.

He started his career coaching one year in both Albany and East Stroudsberg earning his masters degree. RPI gave his first chance as a Defensive Coordinator. He spent two years there as the coordinator, as well as the Head Track coach.

Next, Coach Donnelly returned to his Alma Mata, Ithaca College, to serve as a defensive coach and Head Track Coach for 4 years. He left the powerhouse of Ithaca to take the job at Lafayette, staying there for seven years. This included two years of which he was the Defensive Coordinator.

After his stay at Lafayette, Coach Donnelly was hired as the Defensive Coordinator, specializing in Linebackers, at the University of Buffalo.

After two years at U of B, Coach Donnelly took on a huge challenge. He accepted the job of Defensive Coordinator for the struggling program at the University of Columbia. This was a program that set the Division I record for most consecutive losses. Coach Donnally helped create a renaissance in New York, eventually creating a defense that was ranked nationally.



After 4 successful years at Columbia, he accepted his first Head Coaching job here at Muhlenberg. After turning around the program that set the Division one record for most consecutive losses, Coach Donnelly is looking to use some of his magic on a program that almost set the record for the most consecutive losses in Division III.

Coach Donnelly said deciding to come here to Muhlenberg was easy. "The people I met with, Steve Erber, Kurt Thiede, and the players made an impressive first impression."

These are not the only reasons he came here for. "I truly felt that there was an opportunity to win here."

Expectations are high this year, not necessarily in wins and losses, but rather in the efforts put forth by the players.

This does not mean that Coach Donnelly expects another winless season. When talk of how long it would take to become a contender came up, he answered, "Why not now? The talent is there, all that is needed is getting the players to overcome this stigma of being a losing football team."

Muhlenberg has hired the best person to turn things around. Those who have known the Mules in the past will see an entirely new attitude this year from the team. It will be one that is well coached, enthusiastic, and hard nosed. It will be a team that will take care of the little things, and let everything come to place.

Basically, for the first time in three years, the players on the Muhlenberg team will be prepared enough to win every game.

Muhlenberg has its home opener one week from Saturday against Dickinson. Come out and let the team know that they are not in it alone, and give Coach Donnally all the support he deserves. Good Luck, and thank you for taking the job, Coach. We are all behind you!

# Soccer team comes from behind to defeat Scranton

## *Dave Ervin scores overtime goal as Mules win home opener in dramatic fashion*

by Seth Leichter
*Weekly* sports writer

Muhlenberg's Men's Soccer Team held their home opener last Monday against the University of Scranton. The scoop on Scranton was thát they had lost many of their top players to graduation, but were still a fairly decent squad without them. The Royals from Scranton arrived to play the Mules on a picture perfect afternoon.

From the start of the game, 'Berg dominated. And when I say dominated, I mean dominated. They were a Mack truck rolling over these guys with nothing less than reckless abandonment. The offense was patient and pressured the net early with timely passes, good switching of fields, and solid ball control. The only time the ball crossed the midfield line was when the offense brought it back there.

Not only was the offense clicking on all cylinders, the defense was impervious. Whenever they lost possession, they took the ball away from the Scranton players like taking candy from a baby.

They all had their schwerve on when Tim O'Donohue passed the ball across the goal mouth to Todd Ervin who proceeded to send the ball via his left foot to the back of the net to give Muhlenberg a 1-0 lead.

In the first ten minutes, 'Berg won every 50/50 ball. Ron Russo had three steals in that span. Unfortunately that span ended. After the goal the team became very complacent. They knew that the competition was inferior and as many teams do, got comfortable. In sports, that's a big no-no.

At the 24:00 mark, Shane Topping attempted a clear from deep in Muhlenberg territory, but the ball was intercepted by the Royal's John Gray. Gray quickly sent a rocket past Dan Wilkin's right side which found its home in the top left corner to knot the game at 1-1.

For the rest of the half, 'Berg put together some scattered chances but nothing substantial to close out the half.

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| Scranton | 2 |
| Muhlenberg | 3 |

At the start of the second half, 'Berg lost all sense of comfortableness concerning the game. Although they were holding the ball too long and tried to do too much individually, they managed two solid chances by Tim O'Donohue that were nullified.

With 41:00 remaining in the second half, the schwerve light switch was turned on yet again as the Mules began to dominate once more, accumulating scoring chances by the minute with crosses through the goal mouth that weren't finished. Suddenly, a dark cloud known as the dump and chase fell on the Mules as Scranton's Nick Bova took a lefty blast to the upper left corner to take a 2-1 lead.

After that the Mules kicked everything including the kitchen sink at a mediocre defense and goalie who was, dare I say—en fuego. The final shot count was Mules 29, Royals 2. During one of Muhlenberg's frenzies, O'Donohue was stopped six straight times from point blank range. Another ball that was destined for glory was kicked out from the goal line by a defender.

Excellence come from dealing with defeat. Time and time again during the second half the Mules were coming up short in the offensive zone, but remained calm. If a chance wasn't there, they'd pull the ball out and switch fields to try it again. With 1:22 left, they finally cashed in when Todd Ervin took a cross and headed the ball in to tie it at 2 "with a two run blast by Cerrrano." The goal sent the team and the crowd into a frenzy. The team carried the frenzy into overtime where Ervin, (Dave variety,) put one past the Scranton goalie to win it for the Mules.

The team had two victories that day. One for the record books and one for themselves. They proved to themselves that they could step it up during crunch time. Everyone was a PTPer. Everyone deserved a game ball.

# Chaos in the land of the injured

## *News editor speaks out on problems plaguing athletic trainers*

by Tracey M. McGee
News Editor

Have you ever thought about what happens after that injured football player is carried off the field? Have you ever wondered how those jugs of water magically appear on the sidelines at a soccer game? How about that vaguely familiar face on the sideline, paying close attention as they carefully examine their red fannypack?

The small group of people known as the athletic trainers for the Muhlenberg sports teams know the answer to these questions all too well. You see, it is they who watch over the 'Berg athletes everyday at practice and take care of the "behind the scenes" details before, during, and after every game.

Many students and administration for that matter have no idea just how important the job is, not to mention how stressful it can get. See, I can understand because I have been working in the athletic training room for two years now. Perhaps we should look at a typical day in the life of the Muhlenberg training room, which by the way, can be found in the Life Sports Center. Currently, Muhlenberg employs one (that's right) one, full-time certified athletic trainer. That would be the guy we know as Steve Nemes. We are also aided by a part-time trainer named Mike Richardson. There are also seven student-trainers who work together to provide coverage for every team, everyday. By the way, 'Berg has EIGHTEEN varsity sports teams, and usually there are no less than four in season at a given time in the year. Another interesting tidbit is that Muhlenberg has the fewest amount of full-time athletic trainers in all of the Centennial Conference!

During a typical fall season day, the training room sees the majority of its players in the hour before practices begin. That means about six people, mainly student trainers, caring for over ninety people in a matter of an hour and a half! This care entails taping, exercising, and providing treatment for various sports-related injuries. With over fifty football players having their ankles wrapped everyday, it can get pretty hectic in our little training room. That is not even mentioning the players who wander into the training room throughout the day seeking advice, treatment, or maybe just reassurance after an injury.

Now, you might ask, what is the point of this illustration? You see, we are severely understaffed. Believe me, I know, because I work there at least four times a week and that often excludes weekend games and traveling time for away games. Why aren't the trainers treated with the respect they deserve? Why must we beg and pinch for every dollar we need to continue what we must do? Why does Steve have to work everyday till after 7pm and then come here all weekend, just to deal with the new problems that arise? What would the athletes and the coaches do without the trainers? Where would the water come from? Who would put a bandaid on the wounded or perform some superstitious ritual of wrapping and taping before a game? In essence, what would happen if all of a sudden the door were locked, and no one cared enough to lend a helping hand?

What we are asking for is not unreasonable. All that we have asked for is the money to hire more students and for some way to provide the trainers with a recognizable wardrobe. That may sound strange, but consider the following situation. Some random girl traveling with the baseball team does not exactly seem to fit in, especially when she runs onto the field after noticing a player writhing in pain. Just who was that girl, many in the stands ask; because we trainers have nothing to identify us as such. Sure, we can do fundraising but how can we find the time when we are NEVER out-of-season, and we NEVER have a day off? Where are the healers supposed to turn when they are hurting?

So, to all the athletes and non-athletes out there, remember next time you take that drink of water or ask for that Tylenol or bandage that someone is busting their behind to help keep you safe—to keep you safe as you do what very often you love to do and what you do well. Say thank-you or lend a hand, but more importantly, voice your support to the powers above for the trainers, because they are quickly losing ground and inevitably will get burned-out if help does not come soon.

## Field Hockey team starts '97 season with loss

by Erin Devaney
*Weekly* sports writer

The women's field hockey team is gearing up for a successful season with an experienced squad and a more unified team attitude.

The strong veteran squad, along with twelve new freshmen players, are looking to improve on last year's 7-8 record.

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| **Moravian** | **1** |
| **Muhlenberg** | **0** |

Head Coach Laurie Kerr says the key to this success is a more unified team. "We're looking for a total team effort," she said. "We have good flexibility and versatility, and would like to not have to depend on a certain individual."

When asked about the Centennial Conference, Kerr commented, "Any game against a conference team is a big game. We are looking to gain more respect from the conference teams. Swarthmore, Gettysburg, and Washington are extremely competitive, and we are looking to knock them off their pedestal."

Returning seniors Sarah Miner, Becky Hartshorn, and co-captains Andrea Cook and Mandy Sciarra are going to be a major force in achieving that level. Other starters include junior Stacy Devine, and sophomores Beth Hughes, Peach Reigle, Kim Brady, and Becky Pierotti.

With a disappointing 1-0 loss to Moravian last Saturday, the team is looking forward to getting back on their feet.

"Moravian is always a big game, since we want to get the ball rolling for the Matte Award," Kerr said.

The Matte Award is presented at the end of the school year to either Muhlenberg or Moravian, depending on who has the better record in head to head competition.

Sophomore Helen Wojciechowski says that the team is looking to "build our offense. We played well on Saturday, and we're very excited to continue that throughout the season."

The Lady Mules will have that chance when they play East Stroudsburg at home Wednesday, September 10, and on Saturday, September 13, in a match against conference rival Johns Hopkins.

## On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat. 9/20 home vs. Dickinson @ 1:00

**Men's soccer:** Sat. 9/13 home vs. Hiram @ 3:00, Sun. 9/14 home vs. Clark @ 3:00, & Wed. 9/17 home vs. Elizabethtown @ 7:00 pm

**Women's soccer:** Sat. 9/13 at Rowan @ 7:30 & Mon. 9/15 at Moravian @4:00

**Volleyball:** Thur. 9/11 at Albright @ 7:00 & Tue. 9/16 at Marywood @7:00

**Field hockey:** Sat. 9/13 at Johns Hopkins @ 11:00

**Cross country:** Sat. 9/13 @ Lebanon Valley Invitational @ 11:00

# *Weekly* Sports



# Football team loses season opener

## *Offensive attack of Hartwick College too much for Muhlenberg to handle*

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* sports writer

There are few games harder for a football team than that first game of the season. Even if a team has been able to scrimmage a time or two, nothing can truly prepare a team for live combat. Those weeks of practice have been like classroom time; how would they fare when they step out onto the gridiron?

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| Hartwick | 42 |

After a long bus ride from Allentown to Oneonta, New York; Muhlenberg's Varsity Football team got their first test against Hartwick College.

Hartwick, a polished, veteran team, smoothly executed a defense known as "Robber's Coverage," where four line backers line up behind four defensive linemen. The safety also lines up behind the linebackers. This is a very hard defense to run against, and with nine Hartwick players blitzing the quarterback, it becomes a very pressured passing situation.

Senior and Captain George Fosdick, the quarterback, put the ball in the air and put it up with skill, completing 20 out of 35 attempts, passing for 314 yards and one touchdown, and no interceptions. This was only the sixth time in Muhlenberg football history that a QB passed for over 300 yards.

However, Hartwick was generating some offense of their own. They got off to a quick 14-0 lead in the first quarter. The Mules were starting to come back, when a string of unforced errors in the middle of the second quarter set up a barrage of Hartwick scores.

Muhlenberg settled down, and beginning from their own 24th late in the first half, Fosdick connected to freshman wide receiver James Barski for a 74-yard touchdown Barski's receptions totaled 96 yards by game's end.

The potential of the Muhlenberg team was demonstrated at the start of the second half. The Mules came out fiercely from the locker room and began fighting their way down the field. It was a classic drive, steadily advancing into Hartwick territory, claiming over seven minutes of possession time. This campaign culminated in running back Jason Brader's push into the endzone: "Touchdown, Muhlenberg."

"That's the way you have to play," commented Head Coach Mike Donnelly. "You have to control the game with good solid play and no turnovers."

Throughout the rest of the half, the defensive line, which had played hard all game, continued to remain strong, with an outstanding performance by senior defensive end Billy Howlett, who made 1.5 sacks. The Mules recorded a total of 4 sacks, for a loss of 50 yards by Hartwick.

Linebacker and junior Seth Myers also had a good game, leading the team with 12 tackles. Junior Jason Hartman punted well, and split the uprights for each time for the point after touchdown.

On the offense, junior and wide receiver Kevin Cannon led the team in receptions (5), gaining 68 yards.

Though Hartman later added a field goal from nineteen yards out, Muhlenberg went down in defeat 42-17.

The team has a bye next week, and will open at home against Centennial Conference rival Dickinson College in two weeks, on Saturday, September 20th. There will be plenty of time for this year's squad to watch the game tape, witness their strengths, realize their errors, and under the tutelage of the coaching staff, learn to conquer their weaknesses as they refine their skills, becoming a better football team.

# Men's cross country team takes first, women second

## *Mules win Garret Mountain invitational, Lady Mules one point behind leader*

by Scott Burke
Weekly sports writer

It was a triumphant day for the Cardinal and Grey Saturday, September 6, 1997 at Garret Mountain Invitational. Running in regional competition against schools such as Drew University and Albright College, the men's Varsity Cross Country team won the invitational, with the women's varsity cross-country team coming in second, only one point behind the winner.

It was an energetic effort by the men and the women over this classic cross-country course. Most memorable was the final hill, right before the finish line, a challenging hill that the Mules climbed to victory.

Leading the men was sophomore William McElroy, who finished fourth overall in 28:56. Senior James Batzel finished next for Muhlenberg, sixth overall, at 29:14, followed by senior and co-captain Josh McHale (8th, 29:27), freshman Sean Daubert (10th, 29:48), and rounding out the top five was the other co-captain, Peter Dunleavy (13th, 30:39).

In cross country meets, teams get points for the places their runners finish. The scores of the top five finishers are totaled, and the team with the lowest total wins.

Thanks to Dunleavy's solid finish, Muhlenberg was able to hold off Richard Stockton college, winning the meet with a score of 41 points. Dunleavy was also named Runner of the Week.

The rest of the team also finished well. Sophomore Aaron Bova placed 15th in 30:53; senior Neal Sheridan finished 24th at 31:53; freshman Chris Catalano came in 26th after 32:06; senior Carl Magdefrau (33rd, 33:59); junior Matt Hayn (36th, 34:10); senior Frank Scholes (43rd, 35:15), senior Samir Pandya (46th, 34:47), sophomore Matt Hazelton (50th, 36:49), and Reed Richards (52nd, 37:31).

McElroy, Batzel, McHale and Daubert all won medals for finishing in the top ten.

On the women's side, sophomore Elissa Murphy led the Mules and the pack by finishing first in 20:52. It was a personal record for Murphy, who claimed her first Division 3 win. For passing this milestone, Murphy was named Runner of the Week.

*Sophomore Elissa Murphy captures first place. Murphy was named Runner of the Week.*

Sophomore Cindy Bredefeld was just behind in fourth (21:42), and in came sophomore Lauren Weisenberger shortly after in seventh (22:08). Laura Roth, a freshman, finished thirteenth (22:27), and junior Katy duFosse (15th, 22:44) rounded out Muhlenberg's top five.

It was the best day yet for this young team, the only disappointment was being edged out of the team championship by a single point.

Freshman Lynn Garzella came in next for the 'Berg (23rd, 22:59), followed by junior Jackie Miners (29th, 24:54) and sophomore Jennie Love (38th, 26:07). It was an exceptional early season performance by the entire team.

Murphy, Bredefeld, and Weisenberger all won medals for finishing in the top ten.

Next week's meet sends the Mules to their annual appearance in the Lebanon Valley Invitational.

In this large-scale meet, Muhlenberg will run against some of their red-hot Centennial Conference competition. The majority of the team is already familiar with the Lebanon Valley course.

"We're running great now," said Head Coach Linda Andrews, "and we always run well at Lebanon Valley."

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# Latino Festival celebrates nature and culture

## *Comunidad Latina sponsors a fun day for students and the community*

**by Jo Benitez**
***Weekly* news writer**

The annual Latin American Festival was celebrated Sunday with enjoyable Latin American food and music. The event was sponsored by the Comunidad Latina organization.

The Comunidad Latina is an organization dedicated to "creating a bridge between Muhlenberg and Allentown communities," according to President of Communidad Latina , Jo Benitez.

The club's mission is to enhance the acceptance and understanding of the Latino culture. Furthermore, the organization is dedicated to community involvement.

Comunidad Latina encourages students to become more aware of this rich and diverse culture.

Many Muhlenberg volunteers worked diligently to make the various tables of information and games a huge success.

The educational table was an opportunity to give children from the community an outlet to in which to express their creativity and interact with inspiring young adults. Both the children and students alike enjoyed the different activities available in the educational tent.

The main theme of the festival was "nature". Following along those lines, festival goers decorated butterflies, fishes, caterpillars, and birds. In addition, many students created their own pop-up books and book markers. Overall it was a very creative day.

photo by Carly Ringer

*Community children enjoy themselves at the finger-painting table.*

The most popular activities, by far, were the finger and face painting booths. Interested children were also given the chance to learn about successful Hispanic-American adults through a poster donated by the office of Multicultural Life. The day was definitely a time to laugh and have fun.

Festival organizers and visitors all got an opportunity to explore culture in a relaxed environment, for at least one day. In this day and age there is a greater need for individuals to reflect and analyze how they can make a significant impact in closing racial separation.

As a society we should be eager to learn how to work together rather than concentrating on our differences. There is no time like the present.

If you have the opportunity today, try to talk to someone and learn something new. In essence, we are all connected.

According to an African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Take the initiative and be an inspiration to your fellow neighbor.

# Trexler Library journeys into technological future

## *Hard work during summer months pays off in big way for entire 'Berg community*

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

If you've been to the library recently, you may have noticed that the Library Catalog has taken on a whole new look. Trexler Library recently upgraded both hardware and software, making the catalog more user friendly and much more efficient.

Last Thursday, September 11, Trexler staff held a "Library Extravaganza" to introduce the Muhlenberg Community to the new system. From three to five p.m., the entire library staff devoted their time to an open-house. Students and faculty alike arrived to a buffet, a wide array of technological displays, multi-media presentations and a staff willing to answer all their questions. The turnout was impressive and the flow of people was nonstop from three to five. Library staff

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photo by Carly Ringer

*Library workers are visited by The Mule at the Extravaganza.*

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# News Digest

courtesy of USA Today

Ireland—Talks to end the Northern Ireland conflict opened Monday. But the main voice of pro-British Protestants might only be heard offstage while the Irish Republican Army's political wing, Sinn Fein, grabs the limelight. Leaders of the Ulster Union Party, the biggest political group in Northern Ireland, must first decide whether or not to negotiate directly with their arch-enemy, Sinn Fein. The IRA, which wants to unite the province with Roman Catholic Ireland, has bombed and killed British targets for 28 years. Isolated by Britain, Ireland and the United States because of IRA violence, Sinn Fein won recognition last week when Britain deemed a recent IRA cease-fire genuine and said it could take a seat at the talks.

Sheridan, WI—Sheridan County Airport officials say they will use a $1.9 million federal grant to improve restrooms, baggage and freight-handling areas and electric services. An additional twelve hangars are planned to accomodate UPS.

Mount Vernon, NY—Martha Cherry, 49, says she has been dismissed after 18 years as a postal carrier because officials say she takes baby steps. A letter from her employers said that she was observed on June 6 and it was found that, "At each step, the heel of your leading foot did not pass the toe of the trailing foot by more than one inch." She is appealing the action.

Pittsburgh, PA—The city's Human Relations Commission voted to require the city's firefighters to undergo sensitivity training. The commission ruled that paramedic April Slifko and other women were subjected to sexual name-calling, vulgar comments, obscene pranks and intimidation.

Romeoville, IL—A 15-year-old boy who had been drinking alcohol was behind the wheel of a car that crashed through a home Saturday, killing Lorraine Rud, 65, police said. Rud's husband, Orlin, was tossed from the bed, but was in good condition. Police are to decide today whether to file charges.

Zaire—Once courted as a bulwark against communism and later shunned as a despot, Zaire's Mobutu Sese Seko was buried without fanfare outside the Moroccan capital, Rabat. Motubu, 68, was ousted in May and died Sept. 7 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

On behalf of the entire Muhlenberg community, the *Weekly* staff wishes to offer our sincerest condolences to Dr. Irvin Schmoyer, his wife Jean, and their entire family upon the death of their son Todd, 24. Todd was a former Campus Safety officer at 'Berg and was presently an officer with the Emmaus Police. He was killed in an accident on Friday afternoon. Our thoughts are with the family at this very difficult time.

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# Campus Safety Notes

***Flannel-clad, war-painted Native American lurks around chapel***

*Compiled by Emily Pannebaker*

9/8/97 - Theft - Seeger's Union - The "Center for Ethics" sign in the basement was stolen — red with engraved white letters. If found, call Campus Safety.
9/8/97 - Suspicious person - MacGregor Village area and rear of chapel - 5'9", 170 lbs. Native American male with long black hair, red-painted forehead, wearing a flannel shirt and jeans. If seen, call Campus Safety immediately.
9/8/97 - Harassment by communication - East Hall - hang-up calls
9/10/97 - Trespassing and Soliciting - front of Haas - 2 non-students given letters of trespass for selling perfume for the company "Common Scents"
9/10/97 - Vandalism to vehicle - Trexler parking lot - dents and scratches by driver's side door
9/11/97 - sick student - Life Sports Center
9/11/97 - sick student - Walz - abdominal pain
9/11/97 - maise - DZ - noise complaint
9/12/97 - Theft - Benfer - Dominoes Pizza sign stolen off driver's vehicle, found inside building - referred to Dean's Office
9/12/97 - Alcohol Violation - New West - underage consumption - referred to Dean's Office
9/12/97 - Vandalism to lawn - Brown Fire Lane - truck delivering MicroFridges
9/12/97 - Theft - Trumbower laboratory - Allied Fisher balance scale
9/12/97 - Harassment by Communication - Brown - male voice - continuing investigation
9/12/97 - Alcohol - Benfer parking lot - underage possession by non-student - given letter of trespass
9/12/97 - Alcohol - East Hall - underage possession and Fire/Safety violation - referred to Dean's Office
9/14/97 - Unregistered guest - ML - referred to Dean's Office
9/14/97 - Alcohol violation - TKE - providing alcohol to minors - 2 juvenile non-students/unregistered guests, one of the juveniles arrested for alcohol consumption
9/14/97 - Unregistered party - TKE - closed party became open party
9/14/97 - Fire alarm - 2208 Chew St. - food on stove
9/14/97 - Harassment by Communication - Prosser - male called another male, said "I know who you are" and hung up
Campus Safety does not allow animals (dogs, etc.) at sporting events. Also, consumption of alcohol is not allowed at any athletic event.

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# Ship fire jeopardizes the installation of President John A.W. Haas

## *Sesquicentennial Feature: A monthly series celebrating Muhlenberg's 150 Year History*

**by David G. Boelker**
***Weekly* news writer**

On June 15, 1904, the large steamboat ferry, *The General Slocum*, named after the famed Civil War general Henry Warner Slocum, set out from New York's Third Street pier at 9:30 AM. In less than an hour, she was ablaze and sinking, taking with her an estimated 1,021 people.

The *Slocum* was apparently doomed from her birth. After two months of service, on August 12, 1891, a small girl was crowded over the rail and died in the East River.

The next day, the *Slocum* ran aground at Rockaway inlet. After more than a decade of service, there were eight other similar incidents that could only show to those who followed it that the ship was nothing but bad luck.

On that fated day in the middle of June, it was apparent that the *Slocum* was in severe disrepair and unfit for travel. Life preservers and fire hoses were rotted away and the lifeboats were frozen to their chocks with coat after coat of deceiving paint applied to the lowering lines.

One report tells of the fire beginning in the lower area of the ship, apparently from grease on an overheated stove that was to warm the chowder that was to be served on board.

The fire spread quickly, and despite early warnings via whistles from another ship and random reports from young passengers and crew members, the Captain William Van Schaick panicked and ordered the pilot to run the *Slocum* aground a mile down river at North Brother Island, apparently neglecting the haven of the Bronx Waterfront a little more than a hundred yards away. In the passage of that mile, all three decks went ablaze, sending passengers over the rails thirty feet to the water below, consuming others with an unmerciful fury. Numerous small vessels set out to aid in the rescue of the hundreds of bodies thrashing in the East River.

Some vessels demanded payment before they would pull anyone aboard. Other boats were pure scavengers, navigating among the trail of destruction and death, collecting valuables from those floating in the water, dead or dying. One man was reported to have ripped an ear off a little girl in order to secure her gold earring.

One survivor of this ill-fated trip was Reverend George C.F. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the part of New York known as "Little Germany." Rev. George Haas was the brother of Dr. John A. W. Haas, who succeeded Reverend Theodore L. Seip, D.D. as president of Muhlenberg College.

Rev. Haas recounted his experience aboard the *Slocum*. He was pushed over the rail of the ship from the pressure of the crowded, panic-stricken bodies.

Recalling the scene the next day, Dr. Haas reported, "When I struck the water, I sank, and when I rose there were scores about me fighting to keep afloat. One by one I saw them sink... but I was powerless to do anything. I was holding my wife and daughter up in the water... almost under the side of the boat, when someone, jumping from the rail directly above me, landed on top of us. My hold was broken, and we all went under together. When I came up, my wife and child were gone."

Amid all this death and despair, Dr. John A. W. Haas had an appointment to keep that he understandingly nearly broke. This great tragedy occurred one week before his scheduled inauguration as the president of Muhlenberg College.

Mourning his sister-in-law's and niece's death in the East River, Dr. Haas traveled to New York before his inauguration in order to be with his family.

As his great day approached, Dr. Haas was still in great mourning for his family and all those who lost loved ones in this great disaster.

Despite his natural feelings of obligation to his family, he traveled to Allentown, PA to receive his charge as the new President of Muhlenberg College on June 22, 1904.

# Success of library extravaganza pleases staff

## *Student and faculty interest in new programs makes future hopeful*

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worked continuously, offering technical support, answering questions and generally helping the Muhlenberg Community to get the feel of the new system.

The new hardware includes ten computers made possible through a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation.

The computers are located in the Reference Area, in a specifically designated "Instruction Annex", reserved for bibliographic instruction.

The new software and on-line catalog spans a myriad of on-line journals and immediate access to up-to-date Trexler Library records and information. The new catalog is called WebPac, and is a world-wide-web based on-line system. This new interface is much more visual oriented than the old text-based system, and is extremely user friendly.

Also, because the catalog is web-based, it offers immediate access to thousands of full text on-line journals as well as millions of article and journal abstracts and citations.

Because Trexler Library is a Government Depository, federal documents published in 1976 or later can now be found on-line.

Aside from strictly business applications, Trexler has also begun to add Multi-Media peripherals to various machines throughout the library. State-of-the-art Dell brand Pentium 166 machines have been purchased, and include cutting edge sound, video, graphics and processing.

Mr. Karl Henson, Systems Librarian at Trexler Library played a very important role in the installation and implementation of the new catalog. The WebPac system came originally as "boxed code" or very generic web code that needed to be set up specifically for Trexler Library.

This project required hours of testing, as well as programming and setup for operations and options specific only to Trexler Library and Muhlenberg College. This project was carried out over the summer, and now, relatively free of bugs, the new system is on-line and ready to go.

So the next chance you get, call up your web browser and type in http://www.muhlberg.edu/library/library.html. Take a moment to explore the new Trexler Homepage, Full-Text E-Journals, Hypertext links all over the world, and generally, a revolutionary move into the future.

# ATO and AXO team up against cystic fibrosis

**by Josh Northridge**
***Weekly* news writer**

This past Saturday, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Alpha Chi Omega sorority donated their time to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

On Parkland High School's football field, twenty local businesses each spent $600 for the privilege to participate in the seventh annual Sports Challenge.

It was ATO's and AXO's duty to substitute for players on these business' teams that lacked the required number of players, to be score keepers, judges, or to just lend some moral support. The events included relay races, a volleyball game, an obstacle course, a free throw shooting contest, and the tug of war. The day was very successful with every member of ATO and AXO who was drafted to participate in the events receiving either a first or second place medal. Even more successful was the fact that, after tallying all of the various donations, over $17,000 was raised to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

*photo by Carly Ringer*

***Visitors to the Extravaganza receive a tutorial on the new computer system.***

# Mule Students find out the Real Deal in the Red Door

## *MAC Event brings a game show to the 'Berg as students compete for cash and prizes*

**by Nina Forsberg and Lisa Daly**
***Weekly* Entertainment Writers**

What would you do for money? That seemed to be the question of the night this past Saturday in the Red Door Cafe.

And it appeared that Muhlenberg students would submit themselves to just about anything for a few dollars.

The cafe transformed into a makeshift game show, the Real Deal Crazy game show with a wily little Bill Hudson as the reeling-dealing host.

Throughout the show, students were rewarded a dollar for having useless items in their possession such as paper clips, pictures of their grand mothers, receipts, and breath mints.

Friendship meant nothing compared to the enticement of a crisp one dollar bill, as they knocked each other over running to the stage.

The actual show revolved around impossible trivia questions such as "what was Dorothy's last name in the Wizard of Oz?" and "what are the exact measurements of the width and length of a business envelope?"

If the contestant happened to know the answer, they would get to spin a wheel listing various amounts of money ranging from $1 to $35.

However, nobody ever answered correctly, so they had to perform humiliating stunts to get their turn at the wheel.

One Muhlenberg student had to dress up as a baby complete with diaper and bonnet and threw a temper tantrum for the cheering crowd.

He then took his turn at the wheel and won three dollars.

Contestants like him, who were not satisfied with their cash prize, could chose to trade it all in for what was under a box.

This particular contestant disregarded the advice of one excited audience member who enthusiastically shouted, "Take the money! Don't be a fool!" Luckily for him, under the box was a brand new walkman.

Others were not as lucky and by choosing to take whatever was in the box, got stuck with only a box of Kleenex or a nice, ripe, green apple.

After four male contestants, a female was finally picked.

A bit reluctant to take the stage, the host and audience proceeded to "boo" her until she staggered to the stage.

Photo by Carly Ringer

**The Red Door Cafe stood as host to the Real Deal Game Show last weekend**

She couldn't answer the question, refused to do the stunt, and took her seat without a chance at the wheel.

For her, the night wasn't profitable, but for many of the contestants it was. Every other contestant left the stage with at least something to show for it, such as their complimentary Real Deal T-shirts.

Overall, the night was a bit obnoxious and things got a little wild, but everyone seemed to be laughing and having a good time.

Like all other game shows, this show was a success because it fed off the fact that people love to laugh at the expense of others, especially their friends.

If nothing else, at least the crowd of more than 60 people had a night of mindless fun and laughing. It's a nice change from a school week where there is sometimes all too much thinking.

This and other MAC activities provide students who want a change from the campus party scene with some laid back entertainment in a relaxing atmosphere.

By the way, for those of you who are still trying to figure out what Dorothy's last name is in the Wizard of Oz, it's "Gale."

But don't feel bad for not knowing, nobody at the game show knew either.

## Activities on Campus for the Week of September 18

**Thursday, September 18**
4pm - Field Hockey vs William Patterson
7pm - Volleyball vs Delaware Valley
**Friday, September 19**
5pm - MAC Movie "Devil's Own" - Red Door Cafe
8pm - Nicholas Liechter Modern Dance - Brown Dance Studio
9 pm - Tom Epler - classical / folk musician - Red Door Cafe
**Saturday, September 20**
10 am - Cross Country Meet (Women)
11 am - Cross Country Meet (Men)
1 pm - Football vs Dickinson
1 pm - Field Hockey Game vs Washington MD
2 pm - Women's Soccer vs Gettysburg
4:30 - 6:30 pm - "Love Seed Mama Jump" - East Quad - BYOB
7pm - Hillel Hayride - RSVP required - x3244
7:30 pm - Tri C trip to "Lost and Found"
8 pm - Sorority Pref Party
9:30 pm - MAC movie "Devil's Own" - Red Door Cafe
11:59 pm - 3pm - Late Night GQ
**Sunday, September 21**
Student Activities Bus Trip to Oriole's Game
Fraternity Bid Run - Chapel
11 am - Sorority Bid Day
Noon - Hillel Bagel Brunch
1:30 pm - Hillel Apple Packing Trip - RSVP required x3244
**Monday, September 22**
9pm - Monday Night Football - Pittsburgh @ Jacksonville
Red Door Cafe - 15 cent wings
Drawing for $ 20 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
(Be there before kick-off and in the 3rd quarter)
**Wednesday, September 24**
4pm - Women's Soccer vs Dickinson

## Save the date ....

**October 3-5 - Homecoming Weekend**

***October 3 - Pep Rally***
***Featuring "Duplicity"***

*October 16 -*
*Bobby Collins*

**October 31-November 2 -**
**Family Weekend**

***December 6 - Drawing for***
***MAC 27" TV***

JANUARY 26 - NORM MACDONALD

April 24 - Senior Ball

**April 25 - Benfer Bash**

**TBA - East Fest**

# "Blur" finally comes "Out of the Woodwork" with their seventh album

## *Diversity is key for "Blur"on band's breakthrough CD with hit "Song 2"*

**Blur ★★★★**
**Out of the Woodwork**
**CD Review by David G. Boelker**

I wish someone would have told me this earlier, but apparently "Blur" has been around for years.

They didn't break it open in America until their video for "Song 2" received high airplay on MTV.

Blur, with their self-titled seventh (!!!) album, combines many different types of music to create an album that has a feel of a long, but not too long journey.

Almost every song is different. Blur combines traditional acoustic guitar work with ultra-distorted riffs reminiscent of The Beatles' "Revolution."

They use different drum techniques on every track, producing individualistic sounds that affect the pace of each song very effectively.

Everything fits together very well. With seemingly experimental vocals leaning towards those of J. Mascis from "Dinosaur Jr.", this band produces melodies and refrains that are not very catchy, but still are very inviting.

Add some subtle synthesizer acrobatics and you have an intricate webbing of sound that is addictive.

Every song has its own redeeming qualities, which are easily identified. "Blur" is far from single dimensional, though.

While each song has something that stands out, these individual aspects do not overshadow the fluidity of the accompanying music.

I admit to buying the CD having only heard "Song 2," but I did not make a mistake with this.

"Song 2" oozes adrenaline. At first I thought that it was too short, but once you listen to it loud, you realize that its short length is very purposeful.

It is meant as a sudden, intense, but short-lived burst of testosterone. "Country Sad Ballad Man" does have a certain country sound, but not like Travis Tritt, but more like Beck on a couple of his songs.

It is a combination that works well.

"M.O.R." is a quick song with precise guitar work and speedy drums in the beginning, but after a minute, the songs settles down into a more traditional rock 'n' roll song.

Nothing lacks here. In my eyes, the best song is "On Your Own," a tune with distortion, synthesizers and labored vocals that works its tempo up to a steady pace of enthralling complications and diverse sounds.

The fluid bass line complements the simple drum work, but is contrasted to the unique vocals and complicated dual guitar work.

"Death of a Party" has highly repetitive drums contrasted to weaving organ lines, working into an enchanting chorus.

"Chinese Bombs" is a finesse song with distortion on every sound that just reeks of semi-controlled mayhem.

"Look Inside America" feels like an "Oasis" song, just a trillion times better, what "Oasis" could sound like if they were good musicians.

"Strange News From Another Star" says to me, early "Pink Floyd", more specifically, "Wish You Were Here," probably one of the greatest rock songs ever.

This is not to say that Blur are rip-off artists; it just seems to be in classic Floyd style.

The last song on the album, "Essex Dogs," is purely amazing sound compilations.

You just have to hear this oddly put together mix of loops and off-count guitar cuttings.

In my collection, there are some CD's that get played over and over again, some that fit certain situations, and others that are purely in my possession to facilitate or complement a mood.

If you just want to sit back to hear exceptional, musical artistry, put on some good headphones, close your eyes and later see if you can remember where you are or what you were doing before you began listening.


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**General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall**

**Saturday and Sunday - 9/20 & 9/21**

**In & Out (PG13)**
12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20

**Wishmaster (R)**
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10

**Thousand Acres (R)**
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

**LA Confidential (R)**
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

**The Game (R)**
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

**Fire Down Below (R)**
12:00, 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30

**Men In Black (PG13)**
12:20, 4:40, 10:00

**Mimic (R)**
2:40, 7:40

**GI Jane (R)**
12:50, 3:45, 7:15, 9:40

**Midnights (Friday and Saturday ONLY)**

**Rocky Horror**

# Consult The Mule.....

# Your Weekly Horoscopes

by Jen Zwirn & Sherry Fazio

## Aries

Hey there Aries...seems like you've been a lil' under the weather lately and your friends don't like to see you so down.

You might want to consider that hardships are just an everyday part of life, however we know that with every bad comes good.

Rememeber who you are, Aries! You are as strong as they come and there is no reason for you to fill your days and nights with pity parties or self torture.

You know what goes around comes around, so even if you're not feeling so hot now, once you overcome it, things will perk back up.

During times like these, Aries, you might want to keep in mind that you do have a lot more than meets the eye now. Be grateful for all that you have...the silver lining to your dark cloud is a comin'.

## Taurus

Well, Taurus, you have decided to take a giant step in that life of yours and as nervous and as apprehensive as you are...go you!

Did you think that all your friends didn't notice?! You are always so fickle about things and filled with fear about making an actual decision when it comes to life-altering decisions, however you have really turned over a new leaf and we want to be the first to applaud you!

Now this doesn't mean that your knees aren't still shaking and your lips have stopped quivering but doesn't it feel good to know that you are finally ready to take a chance at something that could turn out to be magical and wonderful?!

Don't second guess yourself, Taurus. You deserve happiness just like the rest of us, so start trusting and believing in yourself a little.

Life's all about taking risks along the way, so once you've decided to take that chance, it'll be full speed ahead!

## Gemini

Hey, Gemini - well, well ,well, your life is anything except boring these days. We're still not sure if this is a good thing or a bad thing, but due to your amazing ability to get exactly what you want all the time, you shouldn't be surprised about what may unravel in thr upcoming days.

You have been awaiting your recent opportunities with excitement and anticipation however now that it's here...is this really what you still want?!

Did you ever think to yourself that you're playing the cat and mouse chasing game? Like, you run and run and run after something but then once you actually catch it and grab it in your hot little hands, you're just not sure what to do with it or why you even wanted it in the first place?

That's pretty okay in the general scheme of things, however we wouldn't reccommend doing that with your love lif eor your best friends! So, good luck with all of your recent endeavors but be careful...and don't say we never warned you.

## Cancer

So, Cancer...looks like a light bulb finally triggered something inside your head this week!

Everyone is just jumping for joy that you have come to your senses and finally realizes what the rest of us have known all along . But now it's about time that you make the most of your newfound realization. So how about it?! Half the battle was actually coming to the point where you are now but of course it's time for the rest of it.

Whether you decide to battle it out or make peace with the enemy, you're at a point in your life where everything just seems to be clicking...like all of those things that people have been telling you forever - they're finally all making sense and falling into place.

We know it's rather difficult to admit all of this at once, but you've become an old pro at swallowing your prideand just spitting out what you have to day already.

## Leo

So Leo, just a little sprinkle o' bad luck, huh?! Have no fear, tomorrow is a bright, new, beautiful day filled with a bunch of wonderful things...it's called the future.

It's a place where everything can change for the better or for the worse but you'll never know until you get there.

That's the beauty of it, really. It's also something that you have to look forward to when all esle fails. Sometimes we get hit with things quickly but before we are given the chance to change them, it's too late. Some things were just meant to be.

That's just reality. However, as a result of everything we live through, we gain and learn about ourselves and others.

Anyway, Leo, things change everyday - sometimes the changes are just a little bigger than other days and that makes them a little harder to handle.

So use all your strength from the past, put it into the present, and you'll be merrily on your way to tomorrow, the future.

## Virgo

Hey, Virgo, well, you're all smiles lately, huh?! Good for you...it'd about time you allowed yourself to show your pearly whites! You have done a complete 360 in a matter of days and we think it's about time you get a pat on the back.

You know, Virgo, it's awfully rare for you to feel so confident about your decisions but apparently your latest finding has got you back on course.

Now, let's not forget that with every choice you make, you may be indirectky and unintentionally hurting others...the thing is, well, that's life, Virgo.

And we know you realize that. Sometimes you just have to do things for the sake of yourself. After all, you'll never be able to please everyone, so instead of being concerned about it, try just making yourself happy instead.

## Libra

OK, Libra, so you've been having a lil' stress filled, tension-in-the-making week. Have no fear though - it;s almost Friday and like we always say, with every bad comes a good.

What you may need is some time to yourself right now. You have been running around campus since classes started, catching up with friends and worrying about papers before they're even assigned...so now don't you think it's high time you sit yourself down and breathe a bit?!

That's of course not to suggest you should completely disregard that physics book you see under a pile of papers on your desk, but instead of breezing through Parents Palza, perhaps you should take the time to actually see what's going on there.

Having five minutesto either say hi to a friend or sit and look around may do you a world of good...which seems to be what you need right now.

## Scorpio

Hey, Scorp, you're sure looking bright-eyed and bushy-tailed lately...why the sudden change of pace?!

Not that anyone is complianing, considering that when you're in a good mod, lofe's a bowl of cherries for both you and the ones around you!

See, lately, it seems like you've been feeling a lil' put out by others but no one can exactly figure out why that is...no one has been asking you for favors, so why are you irritated?!

You know, if you're just fed up or stressed out by classes, that's one thing and we all get like that now and then. However, if you feel like you've got the world's problem's on your shoulders, perhaps you should reconsider things and put your life in perspective.

Of course, things always seem the worst for whomever it is happening to, but you know what?!

Nothing in the world could be worse than not wanting friends around you. So why not ignore that lil' devil poking at your shoulder and try focusing on your newfound outlook?!

## Sagittarius

Here we go again, Sag...you're trying to juggle way too many things and people at once and of course, much to your dismay, it back-fired and now you've been left in the dust...can't say we haven't warned you in the past, but well, Sag, you never seem to listen.

You're known for that stubborn, often pessimistic outlook but don't you think it's time you give it a rest and just focus on a wee bit o'fun?!

Trying to get people to do what seems to be your specialty, however people are beginning to notice that you don't exactly know the words *please* and *thank you*.

You know, it's not a real wise decision to take your friends for granted.

They're the ones that brighten up those pesky days that seem to drag on forever...and to be honest, if you don't have them, Sag, who do you have?!

Of course, these's always Mom and Dad, but this is college and we shouldn't have to turn to them in time of need.

Now that we've got your attention, take a step back and look at all that you've been doing lately. Now look at who you've been doing it to...isn't something wrong here?!

## Capricorn

Hey Cap, excuse us but aren't you missing something here?!

Your eyes are just about glued, sealed, and stapled shut and the rest of the world is having a great ol' time laughing at your expense!

Wake up, Capricorn - sometimes you need a snake to come up and bite you in order for you to actually blink!

There are a few blatently obvious things lurking around you however you seem completely oblivious...what's up with that? We're here to clue you in...hello?!

Try moving your stuff back to your room from the library and give up your relationships with the books - life is just a passin' you by!

If you're not catching up on what's hot on the new homepage for the library, then you've got your nose stuck in an encyclopedia. Come on, Cap!!!

Perhaps you ought to seek rescue farther away from the computer lab. You'll be so excited once you see what you've been mising!!

## Aquarius

Hey there, Aquarius...looks as if you've got a lil' something to say to someone but you don't know how to get it out...well, haven't you learned anything lately?!

If you've got something to say, spit it out and speak your piece...no one can say it except you, so what exactly ar eyou waiting for?! A microphone perhaps?!

If you believe in something enough, it won't matter in the long run what everyone else says. Come on, Aquarius...we know you're totally capable of getting your act together when someone turns on the heat.

You're the first one to get things done when the pressure's on, so why the sudden change of heart?! Stand up and say what you have to...you never know what the outcome will be until you actually give it a try.

## Pisces

Hey there, Pisces...apparently you've been swimming around in waters way too deep for anybody to handle lately and just when you thought it couldn't get any worse...the sharks came and want you as the bait.

Have no fear, though, you're strong enough to get through most anything that is thrown at you. Whether you can catch it or not is besides the point right now, it's how you tread that water or play that game that counts in the scheme of things.

We know that you're perfectly capable of getting yourself out of those lil' quirks that life gives us every now and then...and it takes a very secure person to take a stand when the ground is so unsettled.

Just keep in mind that if you stick to your guns, once you've made your decision and follow through on it, things will fall back into place.

So hold your ground...it might be a rough ride but you've got your safety belt on!

# Concert Board chases Big Band for Muhlenberg

## *Select commitee has targeted the Wallflowers for December event*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

***"Have you heard about the band this semester..."***

It seems as if there are a lot of rumors going around campus about who and what exactly is going on with Concert Board for this semester.

Everyone has heard different things, and no one is quite sure of any of it.

Well, it's time to put an end to your confusion...

According to fifth-year senior Shethir Mustafa, the 100 or so students directly involved with Concert Board are doing their best and working their hardest to book a band for us.

Currently, we are biding for "The Wallflowers" and are "in the mix," as agents say.

Whether or not this will work out is still up in the air, but a definite answer should be known by September 19. In the summer, the Concert Board was also biding for James Taylor and the Indigo Girls, but for various reasons, neither one worked out.

If for some reason "The Wallflowers" can not be booked, Mustafa says that there are alternate bands that the Concert Board is considering, but that she is not at liberty to disclose who they are.

Apparently, booking bands is no easy task. "Many bands don't want to play at schools," said Mustafa. "Colleges are at the bottom of the hierarchy of shows."

This hierarchy starts with stadiums, which are the most desirable to play at, followed by arenas, smaller halls, such as the TLA or The Electric Factory in Philadelphia, and schools, which are the least desirable. Additionally, bands generally only play schools on their way up to stardom, or coming down from their peak.

Unless the college has an unusually large endowment of funds allocated for concerts, which Muhlenberg does not, it is difficult to book many bands. Muhlenberg generally relies on ticket sales and allocations from the student body and student council for their concert funding. The account is cumulative, so any money not spent in previous years remains in the account for future use.

**Muhlenberg Activities Council Concert Board President Shethir Mustafa hard at work booking bands for the 'Berg.** ***Photo from Weekly files***

Hiring bands is an expensive process with a varying price range.

Bands that are just breaking into the business and who have recently signed contracts, such as Fuel, can be hired for between $5000-$10000. Last year, George Clinton cost about $25000.

If the Wallflowers are booked for this year, they will cost between $45000-$50000.

"The current concert budget stands at $53,000," said Deb Edmund, the Concert Board treasurer.

As each year passes without a Big Band, this money (part of the Student's Activities Fee which all students must pay) remains untouched.

As senior Dave Zielinski said, "It's hard to believe that 4 years and $50,000 can only get us Gerorge Clinton." If we are able to book "The Wallflowers", the show will take place on December 3 in Memorial Hall.

Mustafa said, "A bid does not necessarily guarantee a show. We're working very hard on this, but in the end there is only so much we can do. It goes into the hands of the band."

The bid for "The Wallflowers" expires on September 19.

What are the alternate bands possible if the Wallflowers bid falls through? Mustafa says that she can't reveal that information.

"It's bad business [to reveal other bands]. Also, I don't want to get students hopes up," said Mustafa.

Concert Board also does research to determine which bands the board will offer bids to.

The Board uses themselves to determine what bid will be best for campus.

"[The last survey] was conducted in the beginning of the summer. The survey consists of a focus group of twenty to thirty key Concert Board members," said Mustafa.

Concert Board looks for input from others.

To give input, Mustafa encourages students to attend Board Meetings.

Those, students with questions or who are interested in more specific information, Mustafa invited them to the next Concert Board meeting, which will be held next Wednesday, location and time to be announced.

Also, anyone interested in seeing a particular band off campus can contact Mustafa, who said that she would be happy to be of assistance.

***Weekly Editor-In-Chief Larry Carney also contributed to this article***


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# Letters to the Editor

## Editor-in-Chief Explains Editorial Policy

To the Muhlenberg Community:

The editorial policy has come into question in the past weeks, so it seems as this would be a good time to review our policy. *The Muhlenberg Weekly*'s editorial policy appears on page two every issue.

The policy reads as follows: *All letters and articles submitted to The Muhlenberg Weekly* ***must be signed by the author, however, names will be withheld from publication upon request.*** *Opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the author(s).*

Thus, all letters submitted to us MUST be signed!

The policy continues: *None necessarily reflect the views of the student body or the administration.*

This also holds true for the members of *The Muhlenberg Weekly's Editorial Board.* Letters do not necessarily represent the views of the editorial board.

Finally, "The Weekly *reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical and legal purposes. The deadline for submissions is the Sunday before the date publication at 7p.m.*"

Anything submitted after 7:00p.m. will be placed in issue of *The Weekly* at the discretion of the section editor and the Editor-in-Chief.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Carney, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief
*The Muhlenberg Weekly*

## Student Lobbies for Additional Training Staff

To the Muhlenberg Community,

I am writing in support of Tracey McGee's article on the chaos in the training room. Having been a student trainer here for over three years, I have seen the training room grow and change before my eyes. With each sports season beginning earlier and ending later, the demands on the athletic training staff have grown so great that it is becoming impossible to cover all of the daily practices and necessities of the job.

Each year, Steve Nemes, the only full-time athletic trainer that Muhlenberg employs, draws a proposal for a full-time assisstant trainer and each year this proposal is DENIED! Why, you might ask? Apparently the powers that be have deemed that an assisstant is not needed.

To them, I extend this invitation—to come and visit (if you can squeeze past the 50 or so athletes standing in the door) the training room around 3pm anyday of the week and then you can realistically decide whether or not we need more help.

The nine student trainers that are currently employed by the college do what they can to help Steve, but the point of the matter is that we are students first. Perhaps more importantly, we are NOT certified athletic trainers. We need another full-time certified trainer. If this situation does not change, Muhlenberg will be putting their athletes at risk of serious injury, which would not be in anyone's best interest.

Sincerely,
Lisa Grandinetti '98

## Grafitti on Building Draws Student Criticism

To the Muhlenberg Community-

While I am all for artistic expression, be it in the form of sculpture, music, poetry, and other things, I found one particular instance quite disturbing. Chalk on the sidewalk is fun, but when people cross the line and desicrate acedemic buildings, big pink stick figures become grafitti. I hope Muhlenberg students will continue to respect the buildings that make our campus so unique.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Ringer '98

## Editor Baffled by Controversy Surrounding Red Door

To the Muhlenberg Community-

I was amazed by the controversy in the past few weeks surrounding the name change at the Red Door Cafe.

To be brutally honest, I really couldn't care less what the place is named. The simple fact is that while students have an opportunity to get pizza delivered from a place right on campus, and to have the opportunity to fund the pie with flex, they instead elect to order from off campus establishments. The issue seems to me that whatever the name of the place, students do not take full advantage of its facility.

I would suggest to Council that if they desire to change the name, go for it. The next step would be to serve pizza of a higher quailty.

Sincerely,
Mark Koup, *Weekly* Opinion Editor

## *Weekly* Columnist Speaks Out Against Gossip

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly Columnist*

Well, hello there. Yes, its that time of the week again. Time for your weekly suppository of propaganda and time again for me to follow up on my last article. You know, the "apathy sucks" one? This week I'd like to concentrate more on the feeling of insecurity that I wrote about last week. The feeling that you're being watched, and not just by Dean Ehrenberg anymore, but by all the other students on campus. It seems that Muhlenberg has become famous for its upper and middle class 'farmers' with the ability to sew the seeds of hate and betrayal. These seeds are sewn in the form of gossip and rumors. I was at Virginia Tech last weekend and when in conversation with a young lady, the subject of schools came up. I mentioned that I went to Muhlenberg and she replied, "I've heard of it..." Of course she'd heard of it!! If everyone in this trivial heartland of gossip knows exactly at what time farmer Frank has planted his seeds, just over the property line, in secretary Stacie's flower bed... How can you not help but know?!! These storytellings and hatemongerings are the biggest farce on campus. Sure it's a great topic of conversation, "Hey, did you know that so and so cheated on what's her name with whatchamacallem?" The more pertinent question in the above scenario, and in my case, would be: Who gives a damn? I myself find it macabre what one can learn just by talking to the right people and acting somewhat interested.

I've often wondered why this is so. The only reason I could think of is that the people who spread the filth and garbage along with the butter on their bagels have no life themselves to speak of. Hello? Gossips? Is this true, do you have a life? Or does your life, after careful review, yield nothing more than how you compare to everyone around you? You don't even think about it anymore, do you? You've just been talking about your "friends" behind their backs for so long you're unable to distinguish between caring about somebody for what they can offer you socially, in terms of gossip, OR caring about somebody because you can offer them **trust.**

The thing that amazes me more is the fact that those among us who have been the object of 'gossip garbage' are the most likely to view others through the same slotted eyes of narrowness. You, who have been spoken of, are the same that so quickly speaks of others. Let me ask you this: How did it feel, being the last to know that you were the subject of false rumors? It must have felt good because you seem to be out there applying the same pressure to those who pressured you, wanting to hurt them the same way that they hurt you, rather than backing off and learning that you're a bigger person for just being yourself. It seems sad to me, to think that those people who were the object of gossip have now become the tools of the booming gossip trade at Muhlenberg. It's a vicious cycle....

Conformity just seems to sneak up on you like that, doesn't it?

## *Weekly* Columnist Highlights Absurdities in Everyday Life

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

The only team that is undefeated in the National Football League's NFC is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They are playing very good football and mowing down opponents like Plant Operations. mows the grass at 7:30 in the morning outside my window. As surprising and unbelievable as the success of the Bucs is, the following list contains instances or facts that, if they happened, would be even more bizarre. In no particular order:

- Rudy Ehrenberg dyes his hair green and opens on his banjo for Marilyn Manson in the chapel.
- Red Door pizza tastes like pizza.
- Someone from Whitehall watches anything on Sunday afternoons besides NASCAR.
- Ellen DeGeneres is caught kissing a guy.
- The guy she's caught kissing is Elton John.
- Old, miserable people who live within four streets of this college will allow students to live around them.
- Tom Hanks stars in a really bad movie.
- Steven Seagal stars in a really good one.
- I don't see at least 17 squirrels while walking to any class.
- The homecoming queen from my hometown has all her teeth.
- Ken Griffey Jr. is traded for Mickey Morandini.
- The secret sauce in a McDonald's Big Mac contains all natural, non-corrosive ingredients.
- Students host and attend parties, both on and off campus, without appearing in the Campus Safety Notes portion of this newspaper.

## Student Council Informs Students of Current Events

Council Update
by Lauren Ravit

Student Council continues to be on top of things here at the 'Berg. This past week Council had been busy getting Muhlenberg ready for yesterday's City Council Meeting. Lots of publication to get strong support against the housing ordinance, Bill #59, and help with transportation were organized by Council.

All the new codes for the Student Council copier are in. All clubs with questions should contact Ayla at x4462.

At the last Student Council meeting, there was great attendance by the class of '01 again. Remember, those elections are October 7. Nominations are going on now. Seniors, there is an open Student Council seat. Think about your last chance to get involved! Questions should be directed to Chris at x4055.

Last week Council also allocated over $15,000.00 to clubs. If there are any concerns, call Lauren at x4914. Council also expressed concern about some editorials in the *Weekly*, and you can see our response in this issue [Student Council did not submit a Letter to the Editor to be printed this issue].

Powder Puff is under way! After tonight's meeting, teams will be made. Anyone interested in playing contact Georgette at 432-2125. The game will be held Family weekend during half time of the men's football game. Ladies, make sure you can make the mandatory training sessions with Muhlenberg's own football coaches.

As always, everyone is invited to our meeting tonight, 7 P.M. in the Haas building conference room. Tonight Council will discuss the Red Door renovations, Powder Puff details, and anything else that comes up! Make sure you have your say!

## Editor Vents Frustrations of Being a Philadelphia Eagles Fan in This Decade

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

To understand the meaning of pain, one must become a tried and true fan of the Philadelphia Eagles. This is a team that has caused numerous ulcers and Sunday afternoon depressions. The ultimate downer came on Monday, September 15, 1997. The hated Dallas Cowboys hosted the Eagles for a Monday Night game that no one even remotely associated with the Birds will soon forget. To describe the game as frustrating would be an understatement. The game was painful.

To be leading Dallas for almost four quarters, led by a brilliant and creative effort by the eleven men on the Eagles defensive unit was a dream come true. Then, just a few penalties and mental mistakes later, the Eagles found themselves trailing for the first time all night. All the offense had to do was get into field goal range, and they would win the game. Or so we the faithful thought. To make a long and depressing story short, the Eagles special teams screwed up with only four seconds left in the game, and missed an almost token field goal. Game over. The Eagles lose. Oh the misery.

I guess we should expect uneasiness from a team with a head coach who frequently uses smelling salts to keep sane. Ray Rhodes, the intense and driven lunatic that coaches the team (rather successfully), admits that his players drive him nuts. They drive the fans nuts too. I want, for just one season, to watch the Eagles win without complications and frustrations. It's not too much to ask.

I guess it is fitting that the football team in Philadelphia is scrappy, gets no respect, and fights for everything it can get. After all, Philadelphia is a working class city, made up of blue collar fans that don't hesitate to express their minds. So the team belongs in Philadelphia. It just seems like the Eagles are always fighting an uphill battle. If you are interested in seeing what I mean, take the introduction to the Monday Night Game. The producers dedicated ninety-eight percent of the introduction time to the Cowboys. It is ironic that the Eagles dominated ninety-eight percent of the game. It didn't matter. In the two minutes they let up their guard, they were defeated.

So we go on. We swear to the heavens that we will never watch another Eagles game. We decide to take up knitting and basket weaving to prevent the stress and sleepless nights that only true Birds fans endure. Something draws us back, though. Something calls to us. It is as if we feel their pain, and somehow will be vindicated when the Birds reach the pinnacle of the National Football League. Or maybe we are just crazy. Welcome to our world, but beware, only the strongest survive.

*Write for Us! We welcome additions to our expanding staff. Please call x3187 during office hours to express your interest to us!*

# A Classic Cartoon Back by Popular Demand

STAN THE MULE
by: Chris Subbio
Stan & friends at a frat party:
Man, this party is a good time! I haven't had this much fun in a looong time.
Tell me about it! I can't wait 'till next week!
It's a great thing that the college realizes that frat parties are a good social outlet for students. Coming down hard on the frats only worsens things. I mean come on! Having to worry about administration crashing the parties? Ridiculous! Thank God the college isn't like that!
"And the drive isn't that bad, either..."
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
AUTHOR'S DISCLAIMER:
Any aluminum can appearing in this comic strip contains nothing more than Tang drink, not alcoholic beverages. But then, of course, you'd probably already assumed that.

# New sports fields to be completed in upcoming year

*Continued from page 12*

Soccer team shall have their first game under the lights this Wednesday, September 17, against NCAA tournament rival Elizabethtown, starting at 7:00 pm.

Mule soccer matches, which have become increasingly well attended, will soon have new bleachers to make spectators more comfortable. A new press box will also be added. The Muhlenberg Soccer Stadium is set to be formally dedicated on Saturday, October 25.

*New sod for the soccer field is unloaded over the summer*

In the next phase, Kern field (located behind the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding on Chew Street) will be developed as a first-class softball park with new dugouts, a new scoreboard, new fencing, and a resurfaced infield.

The most noticeable changes will be made in the final phase of the project at Muhlenberg Stadium. An 8 lane all-weather track will bring track meets back to campus, and football, lacrosse, and field hockey will play on a new artificial turf field.

The surface will feel more like carpet and the cushion underneath will be provided by recycled tires, pulverized into little bits and covered by foam rubber before the final topping of emerald green polypropylene fibers of "turf."

This final revamping of the Muhlenberg fields will also serve to make Muhlenberg an even more attractive location for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to hold their playoffs and tournaments.

The final phase of the project will cost nearly $2.5 million and slated to be finished by next autumn.

According to the Development Office the fundraising is "on schedule," and everything will be finished as planned.

"At Muhlenberg, athletics and academics are a winning combination," according to President Arthur Taylor. "Join us as we make our playing fields worthy of our students and our opponents."

# Volleyball team beats Albright

**by Kate Lederman**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The Lady Mules volleyball team is off and bumping their way into their season. Though the first few matches resulted in some losses, the positive attitude and winning determination of the team brought them a few wins.

As the Lady Mules progress throughout the season, they are identifying their weaknesses on the court, and fixing them. During their match against Moravian on September 9, the team began to recognize their strong points and their weaknesses.

Head Coach Mike Krause observes of his team, "Our strong points are in our floor game, and serves, yet our weaknesses are the occasional breakdowns we have on serve response during games."

Moravian, being a polished, veteran team, executed their hits, kills, and bumps together, never breaking down. The loss to Moravian opened the eyes of the girls to identify their own weaknesses, setting person goals for the rest of the season.

As of Coach Krause's thoughts of the team, he is still very happy with what he sees. The progress of the team since the beginning of the season is great. "We belong in every one of the matches...success is not there if you count the wins to the losses."

On September 11, the team traveled to play Albright in a non-Centennial Conference match. The offense and defense came together to bring home a win.

The team was led by senior Lauren Buyyounouski and junior Jen Morgan who led the team with nine kills and 13 digs. Junior Kim Maurer also contributed with a career high seven kills.

Defensively, the Mules were led by Rebecca Lebo who had nine digs, and Meredith Cole, with 11 digs and three blocks.

"Kim [Maurer]'s floor game creates chemistry and energy on the court while Allison Verduin and Jen Morgan have stepped up as our left and right side hitters," said Krause about his front line. "The younger players are preparing the team for the matches."

The Albright match set the tone for the rest of the season. The team, working harder than ever, are not resting on the 15-3, 15-1, 15-4 scores. They are working harder for their upcoming matches against Delaware Valley on September 18, 7:00 pm at the Life Sports Center, and against Johns Hopkins on September 20 at Hopkins.

"Every match gets us closer to our goal," said Krause. "We are aggressive on the court, and challenge everyone...the wins will take care of themselves through persistence and development. Our team goal is to make it to the initial Centennial Conference Tournament."

# Cross country continues to place in top ten

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

There is no sporting event like a Cross Country meet. Words can not properly describe the spectacle that resembles something from a Cecil B. Demille film as hundreds of runners warm up, toe the mark, and charge off into the wilderness. Cross Country is one of the few sports where spectators can watch the start and the finish, but miss most of the race as all the struggles, strategies, and glories of Cross Country unfold.

On Saturday, September 13, both the men's and women's varsity cross country teams journeyed to Lebanon Valley to run in the annual Lebanon Valley invitational. The field was large; 497 athletes represented 34 schools.

"We're running well," said Head Coach Linda Andrews. "Our goal was to finish in the top ten and we did." The women finished in tenth place in the team competition; the men claimed ninth.

The women were lead by sophomore Elissa Murphy. Murphy, who in the previous week won the Garret Mountain Invitational, took home a 15th place medal with a time of 20:42, a ten-second improvement on her previous week's time.

In second place for the Mules was freshman Laura Roth, in 52nd place overall (22:09); she was named Runner of the Week after running a solid race and shaving nearly 20 seconds off last week's time.

Sophomore Cindy Bredefeld came next for the Cardinal and Grey in 69th place (22:35), followed shortly by sophomore Lauren Weisenberger (71st, 22:36), freshman Lynn Garzella (80th, 22:55) and Katy duFosse, a junior, (87th, 23:07). Junior Jackie Miners came in 123rd (24:30), a 24-second improvement from last week, followed by sophomore Jennie Love (26:54).

In the men's race, sophomore Sean Daubert ran nearly two minutes faster than last week and lead the 'Berg with a 28th place overall finish (28:04).

Senior and co-Captain Josh McHale was named Runner of the Week. His 28:27 finish (37th) was not only a personal best for the Lebanon Valley course, but it was also a minute faster than his Garret Mountain time.

Behind McHale, James Batzel, a senior, finished 42nd (28:40), a thirty-four second improvement on last week's time, and sophomore Bill McElroy claimed 65th (29:23).

Senior and Co-Captain Peter Dunleavy came in fifth for Muhlenberg after 29:28 (69th), over a minute's improvement on his Garret Mountain finish. Freshmen Chris Catalane claimed 86th (30:04), followed by sophomore Aaron Bova (94th, 30:19).

Both the men's and women's meets were won by the red-hot College of New Jersey.

Next week finds the Mule harriers hosting their own Mule Invitational at neighboring Cedar Crest. From this point, the weekly meets get tougher and tougher as the Mules run against more and more Conference rivals. The Centennial Conference is one of the most challenging cross-country conferences in all of Division Three.

# Field Hockey beats East Stroudsburg

## *Lady Mules beat Division II opponent in double overtime*

by Eric Hildenbrand with
Katie Collins
*Weekly* Sports Writers

The women's field hockey team earned their first win this Wednesday over the Division II East Stroudsburg Warriors, avenging their 7-1 loss a year ago. While all first wins are important, this win was especially significant for both the team and Head Coach Laurie Kerr.

The 'Berg's defense was the difference in the double overtime win. Senior co-captains Andrea Cook and Mandy Sciarra had outstanding games on defense as did the other two defensive starters, freshman Carole Caine and senior Becky Hartshorn.

However, the Mules biggest asset was freshman goalie Allison Neet. Neet saved a school record 24 shots and earned her first shutout, in only her second collegiate start.

"She was able to keep the ball out of the net...she was the difference in the game," Kerr said of Neet's performance.

"They had hard shots on goal, I did my best to stop them, it was a total team effort" Neet said.

East Stroudsburg kept pressure on the Mules' goal for the entire game, out shooting Muhlenberg 36-8.

ESU's big ball tactic of using the strength of their drives to keep the ball in Mule territory kept great pressure on the 'Berg.

Muhlenberg had a few opportunities throughout the game but was unable to make anything happen. With only 6:53 left in the final overtime, the Mules saw an opening and capitalized on it.

Cook sent a free hit to sophomore Becky Pierotti who put the ball inside the circle.

Kelly Milo put pressure on the ESU goalie forcing her to clear the ball. Freshman Kerry Lambert took advantage of the goalie's position slamming the ball from outside the circle, off a Warriors defenseman and into the back of the cage.

"Their big ball tactic really kept us running...but we played with them the whole first half and we had confidence going into the second half," sophomore Beth Hughes commented.

Throughout the game Kerr substituted well, keeping fresh legs on the field against the bigger Warriors. Kerr also credits the girls' commitment to the ten week summer running program with keeping them in the game. The meaning of this hard earned win was obvious as the entire team rushed off the bench to congratulate Lambert.

"I was just very excited for the entire team" Lambert said "we all played the game together as a unit, we really pushed ourselves to win."

"The first win is always a big one, but to beat a strong Division II team is a very big deal..." Kerr said, "this win gives the team confidence to start their Centennial Conference games."

The Mule's next game is on Thursday against William Patterson University.

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*The 1997 Muhlenberg College field hockey team*

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat. 9/20 home vs. Dickinson @ 1:00

**Men's soccer:** Sat. 9/20 at Dickinson & Mon. 9/22 at Moravian

**Women's soccer:** Sat. 9/20 home vs. Gettysburg @ 2:00 & Wed. 9/24 home vs. Dickinson @ 4:00

**Volleyball:** Sat. 9/20 at Johns Hopkins & Wed. 9/24 at Dickinson

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# Men's soccer team beats Clark and Hiram

## *Wins raise Mules' record to 4-1-0 and ranking to second in the region, 12th in the nation*

**by Seth Leichter**
**Weekly sports writer**

This past weekend, Muhlenberg hosted the KWIK GOAL-TGIF Classic. The boys needed to bounce back after losing their first game of the season to Greensboro last weekend down in Virginia. Their first task would come Saturday against Hiram College.

The team started flat and lacked team chemistry, they were not controlling the midfield nor did they help out the others with or without the ball. Although the defense was having some trouble against the Hiram attack, they managed to put one home as Eric Hohman put the biscuit in the basket coming from a pass off of the foot of Ben Hoffman at 21:30 of the first half.

With the lead, the 'D' became somewhat complacent as they allowed Hiram to serve up balls without any pressure. It turned out not to matter as Hiram failed to capitalize. With 5:25 left in the first half, Hugh "Muddy" Watters took a pass from Sean Topping on the baseline and popped it up in the goal mouth which somehow eluded the goalie and a couple of defenders to extend the lead to 2-0. That's the way the first half ended.

The second half started off with a bang as rookie sensation Ray King took a bobbling ball away from the Hiram goalie and scored 3 minutes into the second half to make it 3-0 'Berg. Later in the half Hiram's only chance of scoring was negged as a penalty kick found its way to the crossbar. Muhlenberg put the game far out of reach with two more insurance goals to make it 5-0.

photo by Carly Ringer

*Shane Topping attempts a tackle on a Clark University player*

The fourth goal was scored by Johan Hohman off of a corner kick by Shane Topping at 26:39. The final tally was scored by Kevin Mastropole off of passes by Jason Van Wormer and Hugh "Infested" Watters. The win raised the Mules record to 3-1-0.

On Sunday, Clark University stepped on to the Varsity Field in front of many Muhlenberg faithful. This time the Mules came out clicking on all cylinders as they played with good anticipation which led to a couple of good chances early by Johan Hohman and Tim O'Donohue. Clark proved to be no slouch as their defense did not let up any goals and of course, neither did the Mules.

The second half was a bit more star studded. I think I'll start with the first goal of the second half which was a penalty kick from Dave Ervin which juked the goalie out of his jock as he dove right when the ball went left. Hey, "A" for effort pal.

The second goal of the half came off a corner kick by Steve Albrecht. Ron Russo stopped an attempted clear and netted it to the top left corner to extend the lead to 2-0.

After some good chances by Hugh "No I'm not related to Ricky" Watters and Ray King it was about time for the Johan Hohman show.

Hugh "Wade in the" Watters sent a corner kick off of the head of Johan Hohman into the back of the net for his first goal to make it 3-0. A couple of minutes later, Shane Topping brought the ball up the left side, passed it to Eric Hohman, who gave it up to the star of our show, Johan the Barbarian, who netted his second of the game. Twenty seconds later, Johan scored again as a deflected shot by Eric Hohman hit off of Jo's foot and into the net for his third and a hat trick.

That's the way it ended with another 5-0 victory and the KWIK GOAL-TGIF Tourney crown. MVP honors went to none other than Johan Hohman. Hohman was also named conference player of the week. That brought the Mules to a 4-1-0 record.

# Fields project progressing on schedule

## *Soccer field set to be dedicated next month, others to follow soon*

**by Scott Burke**
**Weekly sports writer**

For nearly one hundred years Muhlenberg athletes have practiced and played on these few acres in the west end of Allentown. Intercollegiate athletics have grown from the turn of the century's three varsity sports (football, basketball, baseball) into 20 intercollegiate teams, plus a diverse intramural program.

With so many varsity and recreational athletes, upgrading the Muhlenberg athletic fields has been an increasing priority in the past few years, so as to insure the quality of Mule games and practices and also to provide an attractive venue for students to enjoy as spectators or competitors.

Originally called the "Fields of Dreams" project, the moniker was an apt description of the quality of playing environment Muhlenberg wished to create. Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg seemed delighted that the project is no longer a dream and is well into the "serious" phase.

*A tractor plows the soccer field before the new drainage system is installed*

A gift by an anonymous donor provided the funds necessary to get the first part of the project underway.

Work began in early June to turn the old Muhlenberg soccer fields into the new Muhlenberg Soccer Stadium. After removing the old surface, an advanced drainage and irrigation system was installed, complete with high-tech sprinklers that disappear beneath the field surface.

In July, the light towers were installed and in early August, the field was resodded to guarantee a natural grass surface for the fall.

The lights will illuminate "both varsity and intramural games," said Athletic Director Stephen Erber. The Men's

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# College wins fight against City Council Ordinance No. 59

## *Students once again unite to speak out in defense of off-campus housing*

**by Stephanie Pittocco**
**Weekly news writer**

Allentown City Council split their vote three-to-three on Ordinance Number 59 forcing the ordinance to fail last week. Four votes were needed to pass the bill, while only three were necessary to kill it.

The bill called for an elimination of future students being housed in the surrounding areas if the residency does not already contain students. The purpose of the proposed bill was to "protect the single family owner occupied residential character of the neighborhood surrounding an institution of higher learning, while permitting the residence of students 'off-campus' proximate to the institution."

Allentown City Mayor Bill Heydt said, "While other neighborhoods are rebuilding, this neighborhood is being threatened. Considering our commitment to home ownership, we would be hypocrites if we ignored the issues that impact this neighborhood. At the same time, I recognize the importance of Muhlenberg College to the City of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley and I hope it prospers for another 150 years.

photo by Carly Ringer

*Kathryn Taylor speaks with Student Council members at the town meeting.*

"I have to tell you my concern when the college tries to intimidate your need by placing full page ads in the newspaper containing inaccuracies and outright lies by threatening legal action, by threatening to boycott Allentown business."

One resident said, "At the second City Meeting on August 26, the college said it grows moderately, a couple dozen students each year. With 24 students each year, six more homes will be lost each year to student housing. Four to five to ten years, we will be losing thirty to sixty homes. Now why on earth would the college ever go through the public process of expanding the institutional zone when they can get all the housing they need quietly for free from public scrutiny?

"They will say anything to get you to vote down bill number 59. On the one hand they are bullying you and on the other hand they are portraying the victim of abuse. "

Dr. Marjorie Haas, a philosophy professor and resident, said, "I let them take care of my kids and I consider them my friends. The students are individuals and the bill is discriminatory."

President of the Student Body David Silber '98 said, "The students of Muhlenberg enjoy being part of the City of Allentown."

Finance Chairperson of Student Council Lauren Ravit '98 told the residents, "You do not have a right to choose your neighbors."

Future upperclassmen can now look forward to the privileges and experiences of living off-campus.

# Fraternities and sororities welcome new members

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

On Sunday, September 21, once again in Muhlenberg history, the traditional bid day run from Egner Chapel took place. All five fraternity houses participated in the event. TKE, ATO, AEPi, DTD and SPE were present to claim their new pledges. The "Rushees" arrived at the Chapel at 6 p.m. on Sunday, where they waited anxiously for the bids to be given out.

Bids were read off alphabetically, and then the run began. The bid reader then called off the houses and as he did, the new pledges exited the chapel with their pledge class into crowds of waiting brothers. The energy of the moment was incredible. As the pledge classes ran or piled into cars and drove by the crowds of onlookers and sorority pledges, the excitement continued to grow. Each pledge class made an incredible exit as they rushed to

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photo by Carly Ringer

*The "Bid Run" commences!*

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# News Digest

courtesy of USA Today

Fort Wayne, IN—A panel of the nation's mayors meeting in Fort Wayne called on the federal government to give local authorities a bigger role in the war on drugs. The 42 mayors who attended a U.S. Conference of Mayors leadership meeting agreed to join with police chiefs, prosecutors, governors and others to work with Congress on a plan to control drugs. The mayors also endorsed a plan to evaluate federal anti-drug spending and share information on effective local anti-drug measures. The goal is to redirect federal dollars to municipalities, which handle most drug prosecutions. Of the $16 billion that federal agencies spend annually fighting crime and drugs, only 25% reaches local agencies.

Houston, TX—Republic of Texas member Richard Keyes faces a hearing this week on aggravated kidnapping and organized criminal activity charges. Keyes, 22, was arrested Friday in the Sam Houston National Forest near Houston. He had eluded authorities since May, when he fled with fellow separatist Mike Matson after a standoff between republic members, who want to secede from the United States, and 300 state officers. Matson later died in a gun battle with police.

Saddle River, NJ—The FBI joined the search for a New Jersey millionaire who had been missing for five days on Monday. Nelson Gross, 65, a prominent developer, restaurateur and one-time powerful Republican political actiyist, was seen with two unidentified men Wednesday before he withdrew $20,000 from his bank account. The family is offering a $10,000 reward for his safe return. Gross's silver BMW sedan was found in Manhattan late Saturday, New York police said. The FBI is currenly processing it for information.

Washington, DC—Purported White House pager messages being circulated on the Internet might be bogus, and even if real don't compromise security, White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. He said aides who need secure communication have it and they know pager messages aren't safe. The messages, such as "Don't forget to page me tonight when you want me in your room" are said to have been intercepted by hackers April 27.

Nashville, TN—The female counterpart of the Christian men's movement known as Promise Keepers filled the Nashville Arena for the group's first gathering. Some 19,000 women attended "Renewing the Heart", sponsored by Focus on the Family. The event was billed as the largest Christian women's gathering ever.

Billings, MO—Emergency workers say their personal safety and ability to work effectively are jeopardized by speeding motorists. Traffic is moving faster now that the state does not have numerical speed limits for daytime driving.

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# Celebrate Athletic Trainer's Week

## *Governor Ridge declares well deserved week of recognition*

**by Eric Hildenbrand**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge has declared September 22 through the 28 Athletic Training Week for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The proclamation states that statewide, athletic trainers continue their reputation of providing excellence in health care for all athletes participating in collegiate sports. For this reason, the Commonwealth recognizes the skilled efforts of these professionals as they endeaver to care and manage the health concerns of all athletes.

There are approximately 1,000 trainers in Pennsylvania that care for over 200,000 athletes. These staggering numbers show the importance of trainers in athletic life, and led to Ridges declaration.

The declaration specifically noted the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society's work to provide health care to physically active Pennsylvanians.

Here at Muhlenberg, Trainer's Week is being commemorated by including a thank you announcement in all of the game programs. Certainly, all of 'Berg's athletic trainers deserve thanks from all athletes and those who support the athletes. The Muhlenberg trainers see over 75 athletes each day and are an integral part of Muhlenberg athletics.

## *Muhlenberg's Staff of Athletic Trainers*

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# *Campus Safety Notes*

## *Toilet paper strewn on off-campus trees*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

9/15/97 - Fire Alarm - 2245 Gordon St. - piece of bread fell onto heating element in oven
9/15/97 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Center for the Arts parking lot
9/16/97 - Fire Alarm - couldn't come up with a reason, but assumes it is due to dust in the smoke detector
9/16/97 - Information - Turner St. - Assisted Allentown Police Department in escorting two juvenile truants from high school wandering around
9/16/97 - Vandalism - Sig Ep - rock at the top of the stairs painted black
9/16/97 - Injured Student - Prosser
9/17/97 - Investigation - football field - found 4-5 boxes of old campus yearbooks, some for sale last year at Homecoming
9/17/97 - Assisted Outside Agency - 23rd St. malicious mischief - between Gordon and Liberty Streets - vandalism to vehicle not from Muhlenberg College - smashed tire
9/18/97 - Fire Alarm - Martin Luther - first floor east - wiring in television
9/18/97 - Fire Alarm - Walz basement - steam from Housekeeper's room
9/18/97 - Theft of television - Bernheim living room
9/18/97 - injured student - Red Door Cafe
9/18/97 - Fire Alarm - Prosser first floor - someone hit detector and broke it
9/18/97 - Fire Alarm -Benfer- burnt popcorn
9/19/97 - Sick Student - Benfer
9/19/97 - Information - 2 "strange letters" sent to Campus Safety from an Allentown resident
9/19/97 - Tresspass/Soliciting - academic buildings - woman selling clothing
9/19/97 - Vandalism - south door of Martin Luther
9/19/97 - Fire Alarm - 2208 Chew St. - burnt food
9/19/97 - Suspicious persons - 2 women in AXO sorority house
9/20/97 - Harassment by Communication - Prosser - answering machine - male breathing heavily
9/20/97 - Noise Complaint - East Hall - warning given
9/20/97 - Fire Alarm - MacGregor - paper burned outside
9/20/97 - Trespassing - Trexler Library - 4 juvenile rollerbladers on library steps
9/20/97 - Information - Brown - possible harassment by ex-family member
9/20/97 - Malicious Mischief - 2616 Gordon St. - toilet paper strung over trees in off-campus location, not sure whether students were involved
9/21/97 - Failure to comply with BYOB policy - TKE
9/21/97 - Unauthorized persons - Prosser - West steps - 5 juveniles given letters of trespass
9/21/97 - Soliciting - New Prosser - 2 individuals selling T-shirts, given letters of trespass
9/22/97 - Theft of wall clock - Seeger's Union - round, 12"

*Campus Safety would appreciate any information regarding any of the incidents, especially thefts. Campus Safety also offers a walking escort service to and from any academic buildings on campus. To take advantage of the opportunity, call Campus Safety at x3112.*

# Alumnus curates photo exhibit

## *Photographer focuses on hybrid interests*

**by Sumi Tripuraneni**
***Weekly* news writer**

Many students are aware that it is Muhlenberg's 150th anniversary, but what many are not aware of is that it is also the 40th anniversary of women at this college. As a great consonance, the work of a brilliant female photographer, Imogen Cunningham, is being displayed in the Martin Art Gallery.

This retrospective exhibition of Imogen Cunningham's photographs, 1906-1976, was specially curated by Richard Lorenz, Class of 1974, for Muhlenberg. Her photographs are eclectic in that they capture "people and culture, flora and fauna, natural and industrial landscapes, and man-made and organic forms," states Lorenz. During the first decade of this century, Cunningham was a chemistry major at the University of Washington, when she developed an interest in photography. This collection demonstrates her background in science and her skill of tying science to the art of photography.

There are certain recurrent themes in her work such as nudes, portraits, landscapes, and social documentaries. Abstraction is important in her work, which encompasses both diversity and high quality, the kind of exhibit that is good for a gallery.

Cunningham's work has influenced contemporary photographers such as Walker Evans, and Dorothea Lang. Her social documentary work from 1934 to 1976 captured candid street shots, which she referred to as "stolen pictures." Her work from this era influenced other photographers such as Judith Ross and Diane Arbus.

Within her lifetime, Cunningham printed thousands of photographs. In 1975, she created the Imogen Cunningham Trust specifically to manage, promote, and market her photographic work. This Trust has maintained her collection since Cunningham's death in 1976.

Imogen Cunningham's hybrid interests and skills are clearly evident in this valuable collection of her work. Lorenz states, "This retrospective exhibition of photographs by twentieth century America's quintessential woman photographer offers a rewarding opportunity to share Cunningham's remarkable and generous appreciation of life- its mysteries and its realities- timelessly captured through her camera lens."

The exhibit will be on display in the gallery from September 23 until November 23 during regular hours.

***Cunningham's Magnolia Blossom***

# Faculty meeting explores new curriculum options

## *Committee will investigate innovative ideas*

**by Larry Carney**
***Weekly* Editor-in-Chief**

Monday's faculty meeting started discussions on changing the curriculum of the college. The current system was put into effect in 1989. The revamped curriculum will include many interdisciplinary courses.

President of the College, Arthur R. Taylor said, "We need to create an innovative, creative curriculum that creates classes regardless of discipline."

The curriculum overhaul will be overseen by Dean of the Faculty, Curtis Dretch. Dretch intends to use two existing faculty committees, Academic Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee, to brainstorm about new concepts.

Dretch will also appoint two or three faculty members late this week to unite the committees and develop a cohesive plan for the change.

The faculty meeting also provided an announcement on renovations. The Bernheim House will be razed during fall break and Trumbower room 130 will be renovated over the break. Trumbower 130 is the only lecture hall on campus and also plays host to the faculty meetings.

The faculty is also working on putting an accessible database of all of the published works that professors accomplish. Currently, an accessible database does not exist.

Concerns of faculty members scheduling final exams during the last week of classes instead of the exam period were raised. Faculty members realized that the Faculty Handbook restricted such actions.

Department Heads would be responsible for ensuring that the practice does not continue this semester.

Professor McVeigh also announced that three German students and two Belgian students will be visiting this week.

# '97 Greek bid day a success

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join their chosen fraternity.

One unique feature of this year's bid run was the presence of a new fraternity. Delta Tau Delta formally participated in Muhlenberg Rush for the first time this year. This is the first new fraternal presence on campus for eleven years.

Rush itself, however, is extremely different from the sorority vs. fraternity perspective. The four sororities had a very structured and rigid rush plan, while the fraternities simply had designated nights for their activities. Sorority rush began Sept. 10 with house tours, Theme Parties Sept. 11, Skit night on Sept. 16 & 17, and Preference Night on Sept. 19. The sorority rush had a record 150 registrations and was extremely successful.

And so, participants are preparing now for pledging, which formally began Wed. evening. Pledging includes activities with the brothers designed to create a bond between the brothers and the pledges, as well as among the pledge class. Also, pledge activities are expected to portray the ideals of a specific fraternity, or to teach unity and companionship. Pledging integrates individuals into a new set of rules, people and expectations.

However, pledging can be extremely time consuming and rather stressful. Academic Support has planned a program called "The intellectual self" next Tues. night for all pledges. This program is designed to help pledges deal with stress and also involves time-management tips. Hopefully, the program will allow pledges to become more comfortable with their restricted time table as they strive onward both socially and academically.

# *A Thousand Acres* feels like a thousand hours

**A Thousand Acres ★**
**Hollywood Pictures**
**Movie Review by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Let me preface this review by stating the following: I am not a fan of the so-called "chick flicks," those tear-jerking films whose sole purpose is to make you cry.

Nevertheless, there are a few which I admit to loving. *Beaches*, for example, or *Terms of Endearment*. Admittedly, these movies are cheesy and manipulative, but their saving grace is this: they were well done.

So, with much trepidation, I went to see *A Thousand Acres*. It looked like it had the potential to be decent. Both Michelle Pfeiffer and Jessica Lange are good actresses, and Jason Robards' acting talent has always impressed me.

Sadly, instead of doing this pitiful film justice, they were dragged down into its murky depths.

The plot is reminiscent of a V.C. Andrews novel. Incest, miscarriage, abusive relationships, and disease abound in this ridiculously morbid movie. It felt like the writers attempted to put all of the evil in the world into one hour and forty minutes. It is mind boggling to think that the novel on which movie is based has won the Pulitzer Prize. Maybe it's easier to swallow over several hundred pages.

Sitting through *A Thousand Acres* was absolute agony. It started out poorly and continued its downward spiral up until the bitter (and I do mean bitter) end. Leaving the theater, I felt as if I had aged several years.

The actual performances weren't all that bad. Pfeiffer and Lange played their downtrodden characters well, and Robards portrayal of their father was chilling. Unfortunately, this trio couldn't save the movie.

It was just downright depressing. One good thing—it made me realize how petty my problems are. At least I went home feeling good about myself.

# The *Reel Big Fish* jump out of the water and onto the top of the charts

**Reel Big Fish ★★★**
**Turn The Radio Off**
**CD Review by: David G. Boelker**

I found my salvation one Saturday morning this past summer, and that salvation is called ska. MTV (rearing its ugly head again) had a special on that day called Skaturday, which traced the evolution of ska from bands like The Specials, Madness, Fishbone, Schleprock, Goldfinger, and now, Reel Big Fish.

Now I know ska has been around for decades (no The Mighty, Mighty Bosstones did not invent it,) but I never really got into it aside from the occasional Bob Marley album. Ska has everything for me. It has the aggressive cuts of the guitar, the flowing bass and the brass that actually makes one pretty damn happy. It's pleasing and satisfying to say the least, and one young band from California has really put forth a solid effort in keeping ska alive.

Reel Big Fish released their album, "Turn the Radio Off" in 1996, but took their time putting out a video for the song which I'm pretty sure everyone has heard by now, "Sell Out." Reel Big Fish does what many ska bands don't, they sing clearly. This produces an effect that just rounds off their sound. Here's a breakdown of the songs.

"Sell Out," well, we've all heard that one. "Trendy" is a bit corny and showy, but who cares, it's pretty damn funny. "Join the Club" has classic ska horn work and a pumping bass line that keeps the song going. Another funny one, "She Has a Girlfriend Now," gives the listener a bit of a change with Monique Powell from Save Ferris on a duet-ish track with the lead vocalist and guitar player, Aaron Barrett. "Snoop Dog, Baby:" another laugher with the classic ska guitar sound. "Beer," is somewhat of a ballad to those two things that keep some men going, beer and women. It is a bit fast with hard guitar work, but about two minutes into the song, they really break it down to the basics and it resounds with ska-ness. "Everything Sucks" adds a little bit of the slap bass in the verses to change Reel Big Fish's M.O.

By far, the best song on the album, "S.R.," which stands for Suburban Rhythm, has only one flaw. It is too short, clocking in at a mere 1:25. One wishes that it would go on forever. Classic ska horns, bass, and guitar, added to unique, quick vocals. This song has it all except length. "All I Want is More" sounds like a song from The Specials in the beginning, which is very good, then Goldfinger, is also good, then Reel Big Fish all the way. "Nothin'" is a speed track with hard guitars...still good in Reel Big Fish style. "Say 'Ten'" has exquisite bass work and flowing vocals, in addition to some humor. It is a definite winner. "Alternative, Baby:" is another sarcastic song with some really nice slower parts.

Of all the albums I have purchased in the past few months since classes ended last semester, this CD is by far my favorite. Every song is great. Please trust me on this one. You need this CD if you like energetic music. It is a great party CD. Play it straight through. You won't be disappointed. You just can't go wrong with Reel Big Fish.

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## Concert Board Watch

**The September 19th deadline for "The Wallflowers" reported in last week's *Weekly* article has come and gone with no word from the band. The board has voted to leave its bid with the band.**

**The Big Band Budget stands at $53,000**

# Java Joe's comes to Muhlenberg

*Photo by Carly Ringer*

***Java Joe's brought Starbuck's Coffee to a long-suffering Cappucino and Latte thirsty 'Berg Campus. Since opening in Seegers Union a few weeks back, the always busy coffee bar has been an unqualified success.***

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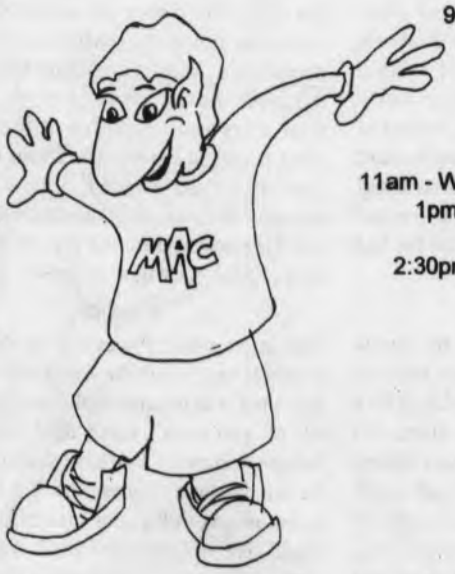
**For more information, call Larry in the *Weekly* office at x3187 or x3195.**

## Activities on Campus for the Week of September 25




**Thursday, September 25**
8pm - MTA Performance "Food and Shelter"

**Friday, September 26**
Leadership Activity at Pine Farms (all weekend long)
8pm - MTA Performance "Food and Shelter"
8pm - Tri C Fall Retreat
9pm - RHA Coffeehouse: Jane Brody - Underground
11pm - MAC Movie "Con Air" - RDC
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Saturday, September 27**
College Parkway Bus Trip
11am - Women's Volleyball Match vs Western Maryland / Bryn Mawr
1pm - Women's Field Hockey Game vs Western Maryland
2pm - MTA Performance "Food and Shelter"
2:30pm - Women's Soccer Game vs Johns Hopkins University
6pm - MAC Movie "Con Air" - RDC
8pm - MTA Performance "Food and Shelter"
9pm - Karaoke - RDC
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Sunday, September 28**
1pm - Sesqui Open House
2pm - MTA Performance "Food and Shelter"
5pm - MAC Movie "Con Air" - RDC

**Monday, September 29**
9pm - Monday Night Football - San Francisco @ Carolina
Red Door Cafe - 15 cent wings
Drawing for $20 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
(Be there before kick-off and in the 3rd quarter)

**Wednesday, October 1**
4pm - Men's Soccer vs F&M
5:30pm - MAC General Meeting - Trumbower 149
5:30pm - Hillel Rosh HaShanah Dinner - SU - RSVP x3244
7pm - Hillel Rosh HaShanah Service - Lelah's Room

# Consult The Mule.....

## Your Weekly Horoscopes

by Jen Zwirn & Sherry Fazio

### Aries

So Aries...how about taking a quick second to look in the mirror because once again you have made it through another obstacle in that crazy life of yours. Good for you! It's about time that you stood up straight and had your way. You seem to have these reccurring ridiculous periods where you think everything is horrible and will never work out. Why do you think the world is actually out to get you...don't flatter yourself, Aries! You're not the only person to live through trauma and hardship! You're always in such a hurry to jump to conclusions...what is your point with all that pouting?! If you put all your energy for frowning and feeling sorry for yourself into something constructive, you'd probably be very productive. There's no reason to have a pity party and you can cry if you want to, but no one likes hanging around with a complainer. Find something good to focus on...you've got plenty of it, believe it or not.

### Taurus

Hello there Taurus! Time to fill you in on a lil' universal thing we all get every now and then...it's called stress and it seems like you've got a ton of it this week! Open your eyes, deary! Welcome to college! Things come and go but one thing is for sure—you're always going to have 24 hours in a day but no matter how hard you try they will never be enough. Of course you're going to come across some rough weeks while others are gonna be chock full o' fun, so just suck it up and deal with everything as it comes to you. It's easier to come to the realization now and face the fact that college life is all about having a million and a half things to do, so get used to it. You tend to think that you've got the world's problems to solve, but...hello...you're only one person and you won't be helpful to anyone unless you can first deal with what you've got going on.

### Gemini

Oh poor, poor Gemini! You've been pulling off such a great performance and you haven't been awarded for it...puhleez!!! Do you actually think you deserve an Emmy?1 Spare us! You've been so melodramatic lately and sure, it was funny and you were doing a great job of giving everyone a sob story to tell posterity, but now it's just enbugh! The things that are going on with you now don't have to be made public knowledge, nor do you have to go out and about flaunting the trouble you've gotten yourself into lately. We're here to share a bit o' advice with you—knock off the actor bit soon because people are really getting annoyed with the whole me, me, me outlook that's come over you recently! Talk about making a mountain out of a molehill—careful Gem, or you may trip over your own mess! Wouldn't you agree that it's about time you disregard everything that you've been the center of lately, take your bow with grace, and give someone else the limelight for a lil' while?! You're more likely to be applauded for your exit off stage, Gem.

### Cancer

Well, well, well, this week we would like to award you with mad props fro being who you are, Cancer! You've had a grin plastered on your face all week, just spreading cheer throughout campus and we're all a lil' suspicious of it! What exactly are you up to?! Sometimes you think that everyone is staring at you and watching your every move but lately, people are starting to wonder about you and what sort of tricks you have up your sleeves!! Are you trying to concoct a plan to get attention or just on a new kick to be nice to everyone you see?! Nice try...ANYWAY...remember to remind yourself who you are and what you stand for...you'll see that says a lot right here! You're such a giving person who people know they can turn to and trust, so you're definitely to be commended on it! Keep that smile spread across your face and continue to making people wonder what it is you're up to...it'll keep everyone else on their toes!

### Leo

Hey, Leo! Seems like you've been neglecting a lot people in your life lately and the ones once close to you are starting to get down about it...instead of forgetting those who once meant a lot to you, why not swallow your pride and take the first step towards rekindling your friendship or special relationships you once had?! You know, Leo, you're a very likable person, so it shouldn't be any wonder why exactly everyone wants to be around you, but there's no reason to take advantage of this or let it get straight to your head. Sometimes we forget about just how special people once were to us until they are no longer around. Instead of trying to set your feelings aside or purposely playing dumb, maybe you should recognize that everyone you meet in life has a specific reason for being there. Sometimes people come into our lives to make their mark, send their message, and spread a little joy but then they have to leave. It's all a part of the whole experience. So remember that little saying, "Don't cry because it's over, SMILE because it happened."

### Virgo

Well, Virgo, here's a novel idea...umm, how about living in the here and now?! You've become a planning freak and honestly you're just wasting all the time you have now by worrying about tomorrow! You know that you have been blessed with a lot of good stuff lately and you're wondering if something bad will happen to make up for it...quit agonizing and just enjoy! That old cliché "With the good comes the bad" keeps showing up but it's not really worth getting worked up about, Virgo. It's only natural to question why things the way that they do but we think you'd agree that you've gone a little overboard!! How about considering all that you have been through lately and recognize the fact that you are completely worthy of happiness. There is no reason why you should expect evil demons to lurk around your life on a daily basis, so quit watching your back and enjoy the good things while they're here.

### Libra

Are we at it again, Libra?! Apparently we didn't make out point blatant enough to get through to you...or perhaps you just refused to hear us, considering that you've been so wrapped up in yourself trying to figure out what's up with whomever your victim of the week is. We know your ears are always perked, Libra, but all too often you only hear half of the story or bits and pieces of things that seem to be twisted from the time the words enter your ears to the time the words leave your mouth. This only ends up hurting more than helping. Now this is not to say that you don't mean well, but sometimes when you take things outta context, people end up getting hurt unintentionally. Maybe you have your own personal issues that the rest of the world isn't aware of so you make sure the spotlight is constantly on others...we're not sure. As you know, what goes around comes around, so just beware of the fact that all too often we dig our own holes..if you want to help yourself before you bring too many people down with you, zip the lip!

### Scorpio

You know that old saying," The best things come to those who wait?!" Well, Scorp, perhaps you ought to disregard it entirely this week. You've got some sort of problem that's been on your mind lately but you haven't exactly done anything to get rid of it. Say ta-ta and good-bye to whatever you've had to contend with lately. No one likes seeing others feeling sorry for themselves...not to say your friends don't care about what's going on in your life but come on already, it's time you take a long look into the scheme of things and realize that your troubles aren't nearly as bad as you think they are right now. Of course, things happen for lots of reasons and other things just can't be explained but whatever it is, the very fact that you are still walking around in such a slump is starting to worry those who hang around you. So, instead of walking around unhappy, it's time you stand up, and dust yourself off. Life is all about ups and downs...you're not the first to experience this stuff, and you won't be the last either.

### Sagittarius

Ok, so sometime day after day the sun is shining, birds are chirping and you just feel like the smile on your face is going to be a permanent fixture. However, there are other days when we wish we'd have stayed tucked in bed under the sheets in such a way where nobody can tell you're even there! This seems to be the story of your life, Sag. You've been going through a lot of ups and downs lately...don't fret! You're an expert on knowing that with bad comes good, so what's happened to your usual outlook?! You're always the first one to admit when things aren't going as you had hoped or planned but instead of walking around wallowing, why not do something about it?! How about clearing the air with an old friend or working out a situation with a new one?! Things aren't as bad as they seem...so next time you think that the sun is never going to shine again, perhaps you ought to remember that nothing is ever as bad at the time.

### Capricorn

Ummmm, excuse us, Cap, but may we have a word with you?! Seems like someone has pulled you aside and told you to disregard every ounce of morality that mom raised you with...why the sudden complete personality adjustment, from angel to devil? Sometimes people act on impulse instead of thinking things through. We realize you too got caught up in this...it happens to the best of us...but how about seriously considering your actions?! It's like you've got a voodoo doll that you just keep poking...your friends are feeling the effects loud and clear and it's pretty painful. Did any of them actually do something to you to receive this treatment?! Everyone is missing the old friendly you lately...where'd you run off to?! It takes a big person to recognize and admit his/her faults. We've all done things we'd like to forget, but that's life. You, on the other hand, have refused to open your eyes and take a deep, long look into yourself. Try it sometime, Cap, and keep in mind that some people really miss the nicer side of you!

### Aquarius

Hey there, social butterfly! Looks like you've found the balance of what it means to have the best of both worlds...go you! You've been doing great in class and enjoying yourself on weekends...that's a big accomplishment considering it takes most people all four years, if not more, at college just to organize their schedule! But not you, Aquarius, you've got it all together lately and it looks as if people should be following your example! Seems like you've turned over a new leaf. Something very influential has really come over you recently that has made you look at the world from a different perspective. You're no longer that cynical Aquarius we all know...you've changed your ways and rumor has it that you've even begun to smile! It's about time and just what you needed! Don't worry though—we won't let the word out...it'll be our little secret until the rest of the world picks up on your new outlook!

### Pisces

You know what, Pisces?! You don't give yourself nearly half the credit you deserve! Let's put it in much simpler terms because lil' ol' you won't admit that...to be quite honest, you rock! You have the tendency to be humble and modest and the most frequent words outta your mouth are, "Who me?!" We're here to tell you!! You've got a way of looking at the world like no one else can and you have the talent of putting everything in such realistic terms. Very few people have as much sense as you do, Pisces, so we commend you on all you've been up to lately. Seems however like you're often feeling down and out about things though. Why exactly are you so rough and tough on yourself?! Give yourself a break!

1. Muhlenberg... Saturday... 1:00 AM Typical college fun... until...
2. Everybody! Beers DOWN!! CAMPUS SAFETY IS HERE!! CAMPUS SAFETY IS...
3. This party is busted, my little beer buddies!
4. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! NOOOOOOOOO
5. A lonesome cry escapes into the Muhlenberg night.... and is heard.
6. Yes, a creature born of only the finest malted barley, hops, and grains hears that cry, and suddenly... is gone.
7. back at the party... C'mon! Everybody! Bad students, bad students, gonna do? whatcha' whatcha gon-
8. URK... Holy Shankweiler!
9. This party shall proceed until every last drop of that keg is consumed! EVERY PRECIOUS DROP! I want you to tell all your friends about me... W-w-what a-are you?!

I'm KEGMAN... eat foam!!
Yeah, brother!
And faster than the silver bullet, the fight is over
Kegman! How can we ever repay you for your justice?
My dear student, together we have saved our silver, cylindrical friend. Is that not payment enough or... or... (sniff) (sniff)... Do I smell Yuengling?
And once again, there is peace...
Go! Go! Go! Go! Go! Go!
THE ADVENTURES of KEGMAN
DEFENDER OF UNDERAGE DRINKING
by Subbio

## Letters to the Editor

### President of M.A.C. Highlights Activities Offered

The recent article [Editor's Note: the clipping that the author of this letter is referring to is an editorial not an article] written by Heidi Herder and Jillian Lovejoy paints a picture of social life on this campus which is both bleak and untrue. The authors seem to think the only events MAC plans are movies in the Red Door, however the Muhlenberg Activities Council is responsible for a wide variety of events on campus. In response to a concern voiced in the article, MAC *has* used information from student surveys, and has used this student feedback to give students what they asked for - a variety of alternatives to the "party scene" at Muhlenberg. In addition to Late Night GQ, which is offered every Friday and Saturday from 12-3am, a myraid of other events such as outdoor carnivals (which run until 1am), and Karaoke (usually 11-2am) show students that there's plenty to do on campus.

This year, MAC is bringing to Muhlenberg Bobby Collins (host of VH 1 Stand-Up Spoghtlight) and Norm MacDonald (Saturday Night Live), two of the hottest comedians available on the comedy circuit. As for the claim that we are "stuck in a social rut," the only rut to be stuck in is the one you dig for yourself by choosing not to attend our activities. The two weeks of school saw MAC events being held almost daily, including a caracaturist, an M-4 simulator, Brett Adoff, a comedian, Uninvited Guests (comedy group), a recording booth, Mint (band at Activities Fair), outdoor mini-golf and moonwalk, two outdoor drive-in movies (Rocky Horror Picture Show and Grease) and an opening carnival which drew well over 200 freshmen and went until 1am. The claim the "no one goes" to MAC events is again in error; had either of these two ladies attended any of these two events, they would have seen over 2oo freshmen at the opening carnival, lones of people waiting to use the simulators, and most of our events being consistently well-attended. It is all too easy to sit on the sidelines to take shots and complain, but quite another to actually be involved and see the amount of work that goes into each event. The members of MAC work very hard at building a social life for students on campus, a task which I feel we are achieving well. As always, suggestions for future programs are always encouraged, which is why our general member meetings are open to the camous. I urge you two ladies, as well as anyone else interested in getting involved in social programming at Muhlenberg, to come to our weekly meeting on Wednesday, at 5:30pm in Trumbower 149 and be a part of the process.

Ulrich Kempf '98
President,
Muhlenberg Activities Council

### Student Council Stresses Importance of Neighborhood Issues

To the Students-

Student Council wants you to know that neighborhood issues are our top priority. This past Sunday, Jamie Hollender and Lauren Ravit met with two leaders of the neighborhood opposition to try to mend relations with the students.

The group met to reconcile two of the three parties involved in the housing ordinance, Bill #59, (the administration and the neighbors). Ruth Marcon and Sandy Freeman stated that their main concerns are with the administration and *not* the students. However, behavior problems created by students do not ease tensions with the neighbors. Jamie and Lauren felt some enormous problems were 1.) students need to feel they are a a part of the neighborhood, not a separate entity residing in theirs, and 2.) If the main problem is with the college's administration, then the propaganda should reflect this. Next month's community newsletter should follow that, and be distributed to the students living off campus and to the Resident Advisors.

Out of the three hour meeting came many concerns and easy beginnings to a solution: 1.) Introduce yourself more than once to your neighbors. Give them your phone number. Encourage them to use it before calling the police if an undesirable situation occurs. 2.) If you have a party, encourage your friends to use your back door. A good idea might be to tell your neighbors when you are having a party. Realize when your adult neighbors have a party, the noise level rarely creates a situation that disturbs you. If for some reason it does, feel free to *tell them!*

Keep in mind: 1.) Neighbors have lived here for many years and have been dealing with this issue for just as long. This may be your first time living by yourself, but your neighbors feel like they should not have to tell you how to behave. That is why they often call the police before talking to their student neighbors. 2.) The neighbors are **extra sensitive** now for obvious reasons. Neighbors have noise diaries! The town has noise meters! They are watching! Don't do anything that could further jeopardize the relationship with your neighbors, i.e. honking car horns and yelling late at night. 3.) When our behavior is respectful most of the time, the neighbors realize it. On those rare occasions that an instance does occur, they will be less likely to call the police. 4.) Communication is essential! They want you to become better neighbors and they want to help you do it. 5.) The ordinance is not completely dead yet. This is still a hot issue. At Sunday night's meeting the parties agreed to disagree on Bill #59 for the sake of the grater good. We realize there are strong feelings on both sides of the issue, and we want to rise above it.

Anyone interested in hearing more on recent developments is encouraged to come to Student Council tonight, 7:00 P.M. in the Haas building, third floor conference room. Neighborhood leaders will be in attendance. You should be too.

Respectfully Submitted,
Members of Your Student Council

Many thanks to the Student Council and each of the many students who supported the College's effort to defeat the student housing ordinance.

Your support was critical. Student speakers at the City Council Meeting were outstanding—articulate, forceful and compassionate.

But most important, you have demonstrated—again by word and deed—what a wonderful group of young men and women you are. We are all very proud to call you our students and our friends.

We have some important work ahead. We must continue to demonstrate to our neighbors our commitment to a quality neighborhood and good relationships between us all.

Arthur R. Taylor
President, Muhlenberg College

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### Student Council Details Current Events

**Council Update**
by Chris McClary

This week's council corner finds your Student Council working with the neighbors to improve the student/neighbor relationship. On Wednesday, September 17th, Ordinance #59 failed when presented to Allentown's City Council. Student was successful in rallying support in the opposition of the zoning ordinance. We would like to thank Katherine Taylor and Marjorie Haas for speaking on behalf of the college. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dean Ehrenberg who jeopardized his community relations to stand up for the students of Muhlenberg.

Student Council is continuing to move along with several projects that we have been working on through the semester. Powder Puff is definitely going to happen, however, we are still waiting on some questions concerning liability. The nominations are in for the freshmen elections, which will be held on October 7th. The new T.V.'s have been hung in the Red Door, and the remainder of the renovations will occur over fall break. The Starbucks coffee cart has arrived and has been a great success. Student Council is pleased to announce that Janine Lobello has been elected to serve as the student representative on Muhlenberg's Board of Trustees. After athletes expressed their concern for the lack of certified trainers, the Student Council athletic committee has formulated a proposal to remedy this situation.

If anyone in the student body finds a specific interest in any of Student Council's current projects or issues, he or she is encouraged to come to the Student Council meetings. Student Council meets every Thursday at 7:00 P.M., in the college center conference room.

## Columnist Tackles Technolgy and Society's Infatuation With It

What kind of world do we live in? It's a world full of niceties, a refined delicate place where you can relax and be lazy (if you choose). Or can you? The things that make this world pleasant are such things as cars, telephones, televisions, etc.etc. These technological advances have made living simple for everyone, right? The internet, e-mail, electric can-openers, microwaves, cell phones, you gettin' the picture? So many devices that make our seemingly worthless lives worthwhile. Are they really a blessing or a burden in disguise? I say that these same things that make our lives simpler are nonthing less than a wolf in sheep's clothing. Technology, as is the genesis from which all the above inventions bloomed, when viewed through the scopes as a means to an end is harmful. Technology indeed makes life somewhat simpler for humankind, but it also has a much deeper snowball effect. Here's an example: when you were young there wasn't much responsibility placed on you and you could basically walk the limitations and boundaries of your age, like taking a walk around the block. As you got older your parameters grew and with it your responsibilities, so you rode your bike. The story goes on, but to spare you the details, so that eventually one grows up (although some of us still have immature minds burdened with real life responsibilities) to assume a great many responsibilities and a great many technological devices. They have these devices so that their lives are freed from smaller tasks, i.e. making dinner, to deal with larger responsibilities, i.e. going to McDonalds.

This is where technology becomes hazardous to ones health. Technology creeps up on you so fast that before long it's overtaken and surpassed you. You are no longer self sufficient without your electric can-opener. You have become dependent on technology and no longer realize your relationship with the world around you. Why walk to class when one can drive? Technology is a barrier that prevents people from realizing their relationship to the earth. When you jump in your car and cruise down to McDonalds for a quick burger and fries you think only of the satisfying feeling of satiety that a big mac will bring you. You

**Worlds Apart**
**by Dylan Lane**
***Weekly* Columnist**

don't stop to think about the people that built your car, the gas in the tank (or lack there of), the pavement that you drive upon, the way the earth yielded forth steel, the lettuce that grew from the earth, and the hands that cultivated its soil because you are too focused on the end product. Technology has blurred your vision so much that you think of it as only a means to an ends. Or maybe the problem is that you aren't thinking at all?

It's easy to become immersed in this custom, this ritual. The American way is for everyone to gain maximum yield at a minimum expense. The principal of Capitalism and the heart of the American culture/milieu. This, if you hadn't thought about it before, is why Nike ships all of it's shoes in from overseas. It's cheaper for the executives and CEO's to pay workers next to nothing and not have to worry about cleaning up their mess, than for them to pay workers higher wages plus benefits while worrying about the EPA watching over their clean up. So what if the materials and labor aren't of such high quality as they could be, you got your $135 worth right? When people begin to take from the earth and give nothing back but waste, when people view the world as an abundant resource readily available for consumption, quality declines rapidly. Even if a company produced a quality product the price would be astronomical because of the availability of cheaper goods.

Appreciation, as well as quality, declines with the assumption that the earth is a never-ending resource. If you were to go to MacDonalds tonight and grab yourself a big mac realizing all that it took for Mickey Dee's to produce it (i.e. your relationship to the earth through the venue of that sandwich) it would taste like shit. Progress is a wicked cycle sometimes, but you have to go forward to get backwards.. or is it the other way around? People learn to accept, without thinking, fast food for its convenience and not its quality. It then becomes a weekly or daily ritual to us. If we stopped to think about fast food and its quality or our appreciation for it we would make our own sandwiches. This has been your weekly report from propaganda land sayin' walk don't drive to class, build your own better big mac's (unless, of course, you're rushing somewhere), and for the love of god: APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!!

## *Weekly* Columnist Emphasizes Interesting Websites

Every week I type the "World According to Me" in the Ettinger computer lab. I formerly typed it in the library but the second floor computer lab is about 95 degrees and the third floor one is about -10 degrees with the wind chill factor. I find this Ettinger lab to be quite comfortable. However, today is unlike any other. As I sat down in front of the computer with my $2.10 SMALL cappucino from Seeger's Union, there was a piece of paper listing odd Web sites just laying on the seat. This week's article was going to be about the meaning of life and the ingredients in the Colonel's secret recipe of eleven herbs and spices, but hey, I'll just copy the Web site list and save the original story for next week.

**The World According to Me**
**by Josh Northridge**
***Weekly* Columnist**

-In some places in America adults will move to or live in college neighborhoods and then complain when college students live there. www.allentown.com

-Go to the Web site that informs us that Michael Jackson is going to be a father for the second time. www.freak.~sorrykid.com

-This NFL page describes one of the worst teams in football. www.giantssuck.com

-Receive a copy of the most interesting flier found in Muhlenberg College's mailboxes. www.gay.and.lesbian.rollerskating.com

**Phi Sig would like to welcome its new members:**

Melissa Alberts
Tammy Benjamin
Lauren Brief
Erin Burke
JoAnn D'Orazio
Michelle Drucker
Ellen Gazlay
Kristi Gourlay
Kristy Hawkins
Kari Holston
Jen Horstman
Annie Karl
Jennifer Kloin
Corinne LaScala
Erica Lessig
Sarah McMillin
Jen Mendelsohn
Jill Mullin
Jenn Reck
Marcie Stone
Melissa Tappy

Love your Phi Sig sisters

## Editor Chides Super Computer Deep Blue and Calls It Out of Retirement

On Monday, IBM's super computer, the chess playing guru Deep Blue, offered its final resignation. In other words, it chickened out. The technicians at IBM, according to *USA TODAY*, "will now focus on research-crunching numbers instead of rooks and pawns". It is really a shame that the computer is so afraid of a little man named Garry Kasparov. Just because it was fortunate enough to defeat him in a chess match once, doesn't mean it should quit. The machine should own up to its duty and rematch Kasparov. It is scared, and the programmers know it will lose. Although it may not be obvious to the masses, humans have the machine running scared.

I felt great vindication when Kasparov beat the machine in their first tournament. Anyone who has seen the words "Program Error" on a computer screen, or "can't read from drive a:" knows the relief of humans main-

**An Outside Perspective**
**by Mark A. Koup**
**Opinion Editor**

taining their superiority over the frustrating and complex desk hogs. It is a shame that the two players must remain at a stalemate, because I would have loved to see Kasparov regain his crown over the tower of terror programmed to beat one thing...him. The total relief felt by computer haters would once again be felt.

IBM marketing executive John Lister was quoted "The best rule is to quit while you are ahead" when questioned about the rematch that will never be. He too is scared. He knows that man is still and will always be superior to machine. For no matter how sophisticated the people at IBM make their machines, or how fast the Internet becomes, we will still be in control. The clan down at IBM headquarters can sit complacently and pat themselves on the back, but we know better. All we have to do is type "format c:" or "Delete *.*" to make the annoyances go away for good. Try to solve that one, Deep Blue.

## Alpha Chi Omega Welcomes Its 30 New Members

Karen Baab
Cheryl Bayer
Kim Brady
Jaime Cangialosi
Kate Carleo
Lisa Joy Cohen
Cori Cossetti
Stacy Devine
Lizzie Gleich
Beth Hughes
Allie Katen
Lindsay Kay
Karen Konopelski
Shannon Lowther
Deb Loyden
Dia Mattheos
Krista McGuire
Amy Medalie
Milena Negrao
Kara Peake
Erin Quinlivan
Megan Reaser
Peach Reigle
Tammy Rismiller
Sheridan Robertson
Natalie Thibault
Leslay Ullman
Allison Verduin
Virginia Walsh
Betsy Wolf

Love, Your Alpha Chi Omega sisters

# Profile of a Mule: Andrea Cook

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

**by Steve Faella**
**Weekly columnist**

Sheer size of a person does not make a great athlete. Just look at the likes of an Emmit Smith, a Mugsy Bogues, or a Brady Anderson; all little people who have excelled to the pinnacle of their respective sports. They all reached their accomplishments by not listening to what others said but by believing in themselves. Size alone does not make a great athlete, but rather size of one's heart.

Andrea Cook is living proof of this here at Muhlenberg. She has overcome the so called limitations placed upon her to rise above in field hockey.

A senior, Andrea is a star player at defense, as well as being a captain along with Mandy Sierra. What she may lack in size, is made up for in talent, aggressiveness, and intelligence.

Andrea hails from nearby Schnecksville, Pennsylvania; only about twenty minutes from campus. She came to Muhlenberg from Northwestern Lehigh High School, where she enjoyed a highly successful four year career.

Upon Graduation, Andrea attended Frostburg State University for one year, once again showing her skills on the field. Two years ago she transferred to Muhlenberg for a variety of reasons.

"I transferred mainly because the academics were much more challenging here, but being close to home was also a benefit."

This will mark Andrea's tenth year of playing field hockey, originally starting in seventh grade at her junior high. This long career made the switch from Frostburg State an easy one. The fact that the players had no problems accepting her made any adjustment that much easier.

"The academics were an adjustment for me, but as far as I am concerned field hockey is field hockey."

She has proven this on the field becoming one of the best in the conference at her position. To look at her, you would not expect to see the aggressiveness she gives.

"That is the key to my game, being aggressive and playing smart."

Andrea is not just a great athlete here, but a great student and person as well. She is successfully completing her studies in the major of psychology.

To those that know her, Andrea is an easy person to get along with. Besides being intelligent, she has a great sense of humor.

But when it comes to playing field hockey, there is nothing funny about her game. Although she may not be a giant in stature, you will not find a heart bigger than Andrea Cook's.

# Volleyball team looks to post season

## *Led by senior Captain Lauren Buyyounouski, who recently recorded her 1,000 career dig, the Mules hope for a playoff bearth*

**by Kate Lederman**
***Weekly* sports writer**

At mid-season the Lady Mules volleyball team stands at 5-5 overall with a 0-1 Centennial Conference record. The team is coming together for this week's league matches.

Reflecting on the past three matches, the volleyball team has a both positive and not-so-positive outlook on the rest of the season. Losing a tough Centennial Conference match to Johns Hopkins in three games, the Lady Mules recognize their weaknesses on the court.

"Our weaknesses are in the serve reception, and out levels of concentration," comments Head Coach Mike Krause.

Looking to a positive note, coach Krause is very happy with the floor game, and the aggressive blocking from junior Meredith Cole.

***The 1997 Muhlenberg College Volleyball team***

The team is also making changes in their line-up for the upcoming matches. Senior Nicole Goscilo will be stepping in as the setter. Coach Krause is very impressed witht the performance of Goscilo.

"She has stepped up as a setter. Her practices have been great, and she is very positive," he said. The upcoming match against Dickinson will be Nikki's first career start at Muhlenberg. Though the Lady Mules lost the match to Johns Hopkins, they still brought home a win in the record books.

Senior Lauren Buyyounouski achieved her 1,000 career dig, making her the first Muhlenberg volleyball player to achieve that feat.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Mules defeated Marywood in three games with the scores of 15-7, 15-5, and 15-13. They were also victorious in their match against Delaware Valley by the scores of 15-7, 15-4, 11-15, and 15-11. Upcoming matches are vital in determining the future of the team.

The upcoming matches with Western Maryland, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore will set the tone for the final month of the season and the post season.

# Field hockey team loses to William Patterson and Washington

by Eric Hilderbrand and Katie Collins
*Weekly* sports writers

The women's field hockey team suffered two hard losses this past week dropping the record to 1-5. The Lady Mules lost 3-1 to the William Patterson Pioneers Thursday in front of a dedicated crowd at Kern field.

The Mules showed their potential early Thursday when co-captain Mandy Sciarra scored her first collegiate goal on a textbook penalty corner after only two and a half minutes had elapsed.. The corner was hit by sophomore Lindsay Kay and stopped by sophomore Beth Hughes.

The Mules were unable to hold their lead for long, though. William Patterson scored their first goal with 25:54 remaining in the first half by drawing Muhlenberg goalie Allison Neet out of position and shooting hard at the opposite side of the cage. Muhlenberg was unable to recover and William Patterson scored again only eight minutes later off a penalty corner.

Muhlenberg began to play better as the half went on but could not keep the Pioneers out of the net, allowing them to score again with only 2:15 remaining in the first half. William Patterson put the ball inside the Muhlenberg circle and shot on the Mules goal. Neet saved the first shot, but was then forced to dive for a ball on the right side of the net. The Pioneers easily lifted the ball above Neet to gain a 3-1 advantage at half-time.

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The Mules played well in the second half but were unable to capitalize on balls inside the 25.

"We have a lot of talent, we have just had problems putting the ball in the cage" Sciarra said of the game.

Unfortunately the 'Berg faired no better against their Centennial Conference opponent Washington College on Saturday, losing their second game of the week to the Shorewomen, 4-1.

Muhlenberg played well throughout the first half, eliminating the Shorewomen's opportunities with several incredible saves by Neet (12 saves for the game). The Mules also had several scoring opportunities, but could not capitalize. The half ended with a 0-0 tie.

The Shorewomen came out after the half shooting, Muhlenberg played with them, but gave up a goal on a well placed shot with 26:00 left in regulation. The Mules then seemed to lose their drive. Washington scored again less than four minutes later.

Coach Kerr called a time-out to try and stop the Washington attack, but it seemed to do little more the delay the Shorewomen attack.

"We just lost intensity after the first goal, and that created more scoring opportunities," Kerr said.

Washington scored again with 20:00 left in the game, and a final time five minutes later. Kerr began to substitute players in the game to try and make something happen. With 6:30 left, 'Berg finally found the back of the net.

Sophomore Megan Reaser passed the ball to sophomore Natalie Thibault inside the circle. Thibault cut hard to the ball and made a good shot to beat the Washington goalie.

It was too little too late for the Mules though, and the Washington women took the game 4-1, out shooting the Lady Mules 20-7 and out cornering them 12-6.

The Field Hockey team is home this Saturday against Western Maryland and then faces a tough road schedule with only three home games remaining.

# Men's and women's cross country squads dominate

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* sports writer

The chance to stop running first is often the best reward for winning a cross country race. As weary legs rest, as both body and mind readjust to normal operating conditions, the glory of winning provides the most comfortable bed in which to relax. For not only did you finish, but you beat everyone else.

Exultant victory came again to both the 1997 Men's and Women's Cross Country varsity teams this past Saturday, September 20, 1997, at the annual Mule Invitational held at neighboring Cedar Crest College.

The Muhlenberg Harriers claimed first place in both the mens and womens team competition. The Mens Varsity outpaced the second place finisher, Richard Stockton College, by fourteen points.

The women trounced a distant-second Bryn Mawr by the score 33-77.

In cross country, points are awarded to a school for the places in which its first five runners cross the finish line. The team with the lowest score wins the meet.

The men were lead by Runner of the Week Bill McElroy, a sophomore, who finished second overall with a time of 28 minutes and 16 seconds. This was McElroy's fastest time all season, and over a one minute improvement on last week's race.

Next for the Mules were senior and Co-Captain Josh McHale who finished 4th overall (28:57), and sophomore Sean Daubert who was right behind McHale in 5th place (28:58).

Junior James Batzel followed at 29:34 (8th), with senior Co-Captain Peter Dunleavy behind him in 12th (30:19), again rounding out the top five.

Aaron Bova, a sophomore, finished in 13th place (30:51), followed by senior Neal Sheridan in 14th (31:01). Freshman Christopher Catalane completed the course in 31:43, for 16th place. Other solid finishes were posted by senior Samir Pandya (32:54), senior Carl Magdefrau (33:16), senior Frank Scholes III (34:17), Matthew Hayn (34:30), Matthew Hazelton (37:15) and Reed Richards (37:49).

The women totally dominated their race. Though Muhlenberg did not take the individual first-place spot, they did take second, third and fourth in quick succession.

Elissa Murphy, a sophomore, continued to lead the Cardinal and Gray with her second-place overall finish after 21:11.

Cindy Bredefeld, also a sophomore, finished third overall, in 21:31.

Bredefeld subtracted more than one minute from her time last week and posted her best time for the season. For running such a strong race, Bredefeld was named Runner of the Week. Quickly behind Bredefeld came freshman Laura Roth in 4th place after 21:37. This was a 42-second improvement on Roth's previous time.

Sophomore Lauren Weisenberger finished next for the 'Berg in 9th place overall (22:23). Lynn Garzella, another freshman, completed a fine outing for Muhlenberg as the team's 5th finisher, 13th overall (22:44). Katherine duFosse was next for the Cardinal and Gray in 18th place (23:09), followed by junior Jaclynn Miners (30th, 24:27) and sophomore Jennie Love (38th, 26:10).

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat 9/27 at Franklin & Marshall

**Cross Country:** Sat 9/27 at Allentown w/ Lebanon Valley and Swarthmore

**Field Hockey:** Sat. 9/27 home vs. Western Maryland @ 1:00 & Tue. 9/30 at Elizabethtown

**Volleyball:** Sat. 9/27 home vs. Bryn Mawr & Western Maryland @ 11:00 & Tue. 9/30 at Swarthmore

**Men's Soccer:** Sat. 9/27 at Gettysburg & Wed. 10/1 home vs. Franklin & Marshall @ 4:00

**Women's Soccer:** Sat. 9/27 home vs. Johns Hopkins @ 2:30 & Wed. 10/1 at Haverford

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# Red Devils too strong for Mules

## *Running attack of Dickinson too much for Muhlenberg defense to handle*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

A fourth down conversion is a gutsy play to call. Trading the nearly guaranteed field goal for another shot at a touchdown defines courage and speaks of confidence in one's offense and in one's defense. The crowd cheers wildly; to succeed is to bask in glory, to fail is agony. Muhlenberg "went for it" on fourth down three times on Saturday's home opener against Dickinson College. It was these three plays that tell a story of character throughout a tense contest.

Dickinson's Red Devils scored on their first drive, a long series of runs that ate five minutes off the clock. Afterwards, the Mule defense seemed to have learned its lesson and shut down the Dickinson run, twice forcing the Devils to punt after only three plays.

A 26-yard run by junior Jason Brader and a clutch third-down, 29-yard pass from quarterback George Fosdick to Kevin Cannon on two different drives put the 'Berg into Dickinson territory, but each time the Mules were unable to score. Then, a big Dickinson running play made it 14-0. The Mules had their backs to the wall. It was time to "dig in."

The next set of Muhlenberg downs opened with a huge 43 yard gain on a pass from Fosdick to Kenyamo McFarlane, taking the Mules from their own twenty to the Dickinson 37.

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| Dickinson | 21 |
| Muhlenberg | 14 |

Two Cory Wohlback runs advanced the Mules to the 29. The third-down rush found a wall of Dickinson players. At fourth and two, down by 14, Muhlenberg decided to go for it.

Brader rushed through the Dickinson line, had the first down, and pummeled by too many Red Devils, the ball popped loose. Dickinson recovered.

Muhlenberg was in trouble, but they did not quit. The defense stopped Dickinson again and the Mules got the ball back. On third and two, Brader charged 65 yards to the Dickinson 7. Solid pass protection allowed Fosdick to complete a pass to Matt Lunn for a touchdown.

The Mule secondary kept the Dickinson air attack grounded for most of the game, but their formidable ground assault pulled off one more big play for a score in the third quarter.

Fosdick went to the air as the fourth quarter began, moving the team down the field. But a series of incompletions left the Mules at the Dickinson 38. It was fourth and five. They went for it again. Fosdick pitched right to Brader who turned the corner, shook off a tackle and made the first down.

Given new life, Fosdick put the ball in the air again. Two connections to Mike Martino brought Muhlenberg to the Dickinson nine. A penalty and a sack made it third and twenty-six, and an 18-yard pass to Paul Peri was not enough. The Mules were on Dickinson's 16 yard line, trailing by 14, fourth down.

For the second time on one drive, Head Coach Mike Donnelly had to trust in his offense. Muhlenberg fans were on their feet, holding their breath. This time, Fosdick smoothly passed to Brader, waiting in the endzone for a touchdown. The grandstand erupted with cheers.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Mules executed a brilliant special teams play, making and recovering an onsides kick.

The dash and daring of such play calling made it seem that this was a football team capable of anything.

As the clock dwindled down, the Mules were able to stop the Red Devils, but time ran out before they could put together another touchdown drive. The game ended 21-14.

It was another big day for Fosdick in the air, covering 216 yards. McFarlane had caught 52 of those yards, followed by Cannon (48 yards), and Peri (30). On the land, Jason Brader rushed for 147 yards. The defense was lead by Steven Brady, who in addition to blocking a field goal made 12 tackles. Frank Gripp punted well, averaging 38 yards on 6 tries, forcing the Red Devils to earn field position each time.

# Soccer team loses to E'Town, beats Dickinson

## *Muhlenberg's record stands at 5-3-0 as post season approaches*

**by Seth Leichter**
**Weekly sports writer**

After a one hour delay due to traffic on I-78, Elizabethtown College arrived to battle the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team in the first night game held on Varsity Field Wednesday night. The Mules have had trouble against the arch rival Blue Jays in the past.

Going into the game, the Blue Jays were ranked 7th in the Mid-Atlantic Conference while the Mules came into the clash ranked second in the MAC and 12 overall in the nation.

The Mules came out flat again at the onset of the first half. During the first five minutes, both teams applied decent pressure, but the Jays managed to convert a corner kick into their first tally of the evening. #8 Chris Helsel was hellish as he put one past Dan Wilkin and the 'Berg defense from point blank range.

Just minutes later, Elizabethtown came close to their second score, but Eric "The Red" Hohman saved the day when he sent the ball well out of danger from the goalline. That eventually led to the Mules first legitimate scoring chance when Ben "Obi-Wan" Hoffman sent a brilliant cross that Eric "Father of Leif" Hohman missed on two headers.

Meanwhile back on the other side of the field, the Mule defense got caught on a two-man corner kick that led to Chris "Beelzebub" Helsel's second goal of the game.

For you laymans out there, a two-man corner kick is when the offense puts a man near the corner so that he can cross it towards the goal at a better angle.

With a 2-0 deficit to overcome, the Mules finally caught a break when the E'Town keeper tripped Ray "My name would be Ray Rey in Spanish" King in the penalty box. That means a penalty kick is awarded to the team whom the infraction was infringed upon. Dave Ervin took the kick, but it was all for not as the ball went directly into the goalie's stomach. People must not like Ray "Down with the" King because they tripped him again on his way to the keeper. That led to another missed opportunity from a direct kick.

The first half ended 2-0 Elizabethtown.

The second half was not as bad for the Mules after the 'Jays scored their third goal off an attempted clear of a cross. The remainder of the game was a back and forth battle which yielded no goals.

***Freshman Ray King makes an instant-impact on the soccer squad***

The 3-0 loss downplays the Mules' effort. They reacted well to the goals. The team's disorganization on restarts was addressed for an hour on Friday to prepare for the game against Dickinson.

The boys came out with a disheartened attitude versus Dickinson which was no doubt related to Wednesday's loss to E'Town.

Dickinson is a poor team and 'Berg played down to their level.

The team was unimpressive. Low morale withstanding, they won a game that was as imperative as any game this year so far. They needed to bounce back and they did.

The Mules did not go without their bright spots. The midfield ran their patterns well, and the defense was solid.

Muhlenberg only managed one goal, but that proved to be an ample supply as the Dickinson attack was null and void. In an outstanding effort, Todd "Let's see if Michael can come into my house" Ervin cut in from the left and struck a righty blast into the top corner. Mind you, Todd is a lefty which makes the goal all the more spectacular. The split brings the Mules to 5-3-0 record. Hopefully, this win can spark the team as they enter the meat of the season.

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# Phi Kappa Tau returns to Muhlenberg (maybe)

## *Reasons for being thrown off-campus remain unclear after three years*

**by Heidi Herder, Jillian Lovejoy and Larry Carney**
***Weekly Editors***

Let's go back for a moment to the year 1994...

The baseball strike was in full effect, Forrest Gump was one of the hottest movies, 90210 was still in the Brenda era, Muhlenberg had 6 fraternities to choose from, and the dorm now known as the Hillside House was one of the most powerful fraternities on campus.

In case you're too young to remember (which is everyone except for the occasional fifth year senior), the Phi Kappa Tau and Zeta Beta Tau houses were once prevalent on campus. While ZBT remains grains of sand on which we now play volley ball, the Hillside House still holds the memory and possibility of the return of Phi Tau.

According to Brian Mauro, Director of Greek Affairs, Muhlenberg College and Phi Tau's nationals hope to issue a press release in two weeks containing more concrete information regarding the possible return of a fifth fraternity.

This return, however is not set in stone. A high ranked administrative official who wishes to remain unnamed, emphasizes that the return of Phi Tau to this campus is still only a possibility, and many legistics have yet to be worked out.

The currently anonymous source states that it might be difficult to bring the fraternity back to Muhlenberg, due to the circumstances under which their charter was taken away. Additionally, the fraternity's national office took away their charter, not Muhlenberg College.

The popular rumors on campus say that Phi Tau was removed due to an unfortunate and mysterious incident involving a duck.

However, the *Weekly*'s source alludes that there is much more to this story than the foul play of one of our web-footed friends. This incident might not have had anything to do with the removal of Phi Tau at all.

More important to the college, and especially to the fraternity's national chapter, were reports of under-age drinking and hazing. When asked for comments, Dean Rudy Ehrenberg declined to answer, as he was not an administrator at the college at that time, and Mauro could not elaborate for similar reasons.

"The incident took place before I arrived here. For me to comment [on the situation]would be inappropriate," said Ehrenberg.

Mauro stated, "I don't know all of the factors [concerning the removal of Phi Tau]."

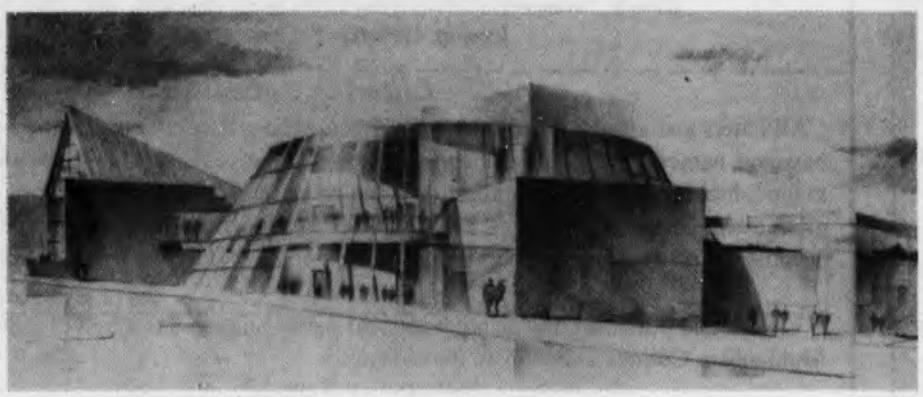
# Center for the Arts expansion to begin over Fall Break

**by Ellen Gerber**
***Weekly* news writer**

Muhlenberg College has received a $6.5 million gift from an anonymous source. The donor, who would like to be called a "friend of the college" has also promised an additional $1million if the school can raise $13 million on its own.

This gift, which is the largest in Muhlenberg College history, will be used for the construction of a building adjacent to the Dorothy H. and Dexter F. Baker Center for the Arts, a new academic building and athletic fields renovations and facility improvements.

Needless to say, the Muhlenberg College community is ecstatic about this major gift. President Arthur Taylor commented, "The gift is highly significant to the College. The amount is most meaningful, and we are deeply grateful."



Not wasting any time, Muhlenberg plans to demolish the Bernheim House along Chew Street on October 13 or 14 in order to make room for the first project which is the expansion onto the Center for the Arts. The actual ground-breaking for the new performing arts building will be on October 23 at 11a.m. This facility will spread over 43,000 square feet and will include an experimental theatre, dance studios, classrooms, offices, a primary rehearsal hall, and a spacious, Broadway-style theatre.

Those in the drama department who will be directly affected by the great improvements are quite thrilled. Charles Richter, chair of the department of the Theatre Arts is delighted that the "beautifully designed building will allow. . . students to work in a variety of production settings suitable to a broad range of performance styles and create theatre in the state-of-the-art spaces." He continued, "We will be able to expand our programming in all areas to better serve the cultural needs of the college and community."

The expansion of the theatre arts building is especially important, for according to Arthur Taylor, "Theatre Arts is [Muhlenberg's] fastest growing major and one of the finest programs in the country." Taylor continued, "Three of our graduates are currently performing on Broadway." Taylor hopes that the expansion of the performing arts building and ultimately the program, "will enhance [the College's] recruiting efforts in music and dance as well and provide the first class facilities that. . . students and faculty richly deserve."

Not only will the gift benefit the immediate college community, but Dexter Baker, former CEO of Air Products and a member of the College's Board of Associates hopes that "..Muhlenberg's public announcement will spur even greater alumni and community support."

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# News Digest

courtesy of USA Today

Sacramento, California—Hundreds of people on Monday started the long process of seating a jury for the trial of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski. About 600 people were summoned to a tent at Cal Expo to fill out surveys. The judge will eliminate prospective jurors who say serving on the jury would pose a hardship. Then there will be a second round of surveys, followed by individual questioning to begin Nov. 12. Jury selection could last three to six weeks. Kaczynski, a 55-year-old former math professor turned backwoods hermit, is accused of being the anti-technology terrorist known as the Unabomber. The 16 Unabomb attacks between 1978 and 1995 killed three people and injured 23.

Charlotte, North Carolina—An armored car company employee, a company van and $15 million were discovered missing Sunday and a police search was underway. Police bulletins were issued for David Scott Ghantt, 27, of Kings Mountain, N.C., who officials said disappeared during or after his Saturday work shift at Loomis, Fargo & Co. The same firm was hit in March by one of the largest armored car robberies in U. S. history. Most of the $18 million stolen in the earlier heist was recovered.

Cambridge, Massachusettes—Jury selection is set to begin Monday in the first-degree murder trial of an English nanny accused of killing a 9-month-old infant left in her care. The case has drawn wide interest among working parents in America who have increasingly entrusted their children to strangers on the strength of a few references and faith in human nature. And it has drawn criticism in England, where some have questioned the charge's severity and the denial of bail for Louise Woodward, an 18-year-old woman with no criminal past.

Mangum, North Carolina—Authorities searched Monday for two brothers suspected of killing five of their housematesand wounding a sixth at a home used by migrant workers. Robbery was believed to be the motive, a police spokesman said. The survivor, who ran to a neighbor's house when the shooting began, was able to identify the suspects and describe what happened. More than 32 shell casings were found at the scene. The men fled in an automobile and could be armed with assault rifles, authorities said.

Atlanta, Georgia—A federal task force is trying to identify a bearded man seen at a gay nightclub before a bomb exploded there in February. The man, who is wanted as a witness and not as a suspect, may or may not be the same person seen near an abortion clinic bombed five weeks earlier, agents said. The task force is investigating the nightclub and clinic bombings and the July 1996 bombing at Centennial Olympic Park that killed one person and injured more than 100. A $500,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest in any of the bombings.

**Last week's Campus Safety Notes should have read: 9/27/97--Alcohol Violation--2227 Liberty St. - off-campus party - 9 students given citations for underage comsumption: Joshua Sigal, Carrie Frohling, Michael Loffreddo, Paul Rusis, Sabrina Mendolia, Jeffrey Stover, and Melanie Schirm. 1 student cited for providing alcohol to minors: Karissa Baboian. APD confiscated 1 keg of beer. Referred to Dean's Office.**

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# Campus Safety Notes

## Sign and pole stolen from Prosser drive

### *"Reserved for Campus Police Vehicles" sign missing*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

9/29/97 - Theft - CA - Panasonic Camcorder in black bag taken from CA front desk area
9/29/97 - Animal in room - Walz
9/30/97 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Memorial Hall parking lot
9/30/97 - Injured Student - Life Sports Center - right eye
10/2/97 - Vandalism - WMUH - red spray paint on wall
10/3/97 - Found Property - Trexler Library
10/3/97 - Theft from Vehicle - ML parking lot - cellular phone, CD player, radar detector
10/3/97 - Information - ML - harassment by MW Wood (food service) employee
10/4/97 - Fire Alarm - 407-409 23rd St. - burnt food
10/4/97 - Injured Visitor - tripped on walkway between Shankweiler and Trumbower buildings
10/4/97 - Injured Student - 26th St. - float from Homecoming parade ran over foot
10/4/97 - Motor Vehicle Accident Information - 2437 Liberty St. - off-campus vehicle accident, unreportable but wanted to have record
10/4/97 - assist South Whitehall Police Department - Off Campus - Budget Beverage store - individual could be charged with underage possession
10/4/97 - Noise Complaint - 325 N. 22nd St. - reported to Dean's Office
10/5/97 - Unauthorized person and solicitor - Brown Hall - individual carrying green duffel bag selling shirts - 5'10" white male, long, frizzy, curly brown hair, jeans, blue and white checkered flannel over a blue T-shirt
10/5/97 - Rape - Jane Doe rape report that occurred last spring in a fraternity house
10/5/97 - Fire Alarm - New West - steam from shower
10/6/97 - Ethnic Intimidation - ML - grafitti written: "Happy New Year ha ha ha ha The end is near" on a Jewish Star of David on the door of a computer lab
10/6/97 - Fire Alarm - MacGregor - burnt toast
10/6/97 - Sick Employee - Buildings and Grounds garage - chest pains, difficulty breathing
10/6/97 - Theft of drill - MacGregor - cordless drill, gray
10/6/97 - Theft of sign and sign pole - Prosser Dr. - "Reserved for Campus Police Vehicles"
Any information concerning this theft should be reported as soon as possible.

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# Forty Years of coeducation commemorated at 'Berg

## *Women from first graduating class return with spirited messages*

**by Emily Pannebaker**
***Weekly* news writer**

Amidst the festivities of Homecoming, the 40th Anniversary of the Coeducation of Women at Muhlenberg College was also celebrated this weekend.

A ceremony and brunch took place on Saturday morning, Chapel Worship on Sunday commemorated the anniversary, and currently an exhibit in Trexler Library features memorabilia and information about women's participation and leadership at Muhlenberg.

In 1957, the first full class of 103 women was officially admitted into Muhlenberg, greatly outnumbered by the men. The women were hazed and required to follow many special rules and regulations, including serving the men in appropriate dress with white gloves at dinner everyday.

They had to bow before General Pete's statue for trivialities such as forgetting the name of an upperclassmen.

Women from the class of 1961 spoke at the ceremony on Saturday in front of Haas, along with faculty and special guests especially connected with the first graduating class of women.

Connie Fritch '61 reflected on how difficult yet exciting it was for women to become an accepted part of the Muhlenberg community. "We got a mixed welcome from professors...the campus was just not friendly to us. But within a few months, women were leading classes academically, a greater percentage of women than men were on the Dean's List, and we were elected to offices and leadership positions," she said.

The 1958 *Ciarla* is dedicated to coeducation at Muhlenberg "because of the gains, physical, social, and academic, that it has brought with it...and the gain in confidence it has afforded [the students] personally."

Women who have received their education from Muhlenberg led worship at the Chapel on Sunday. Preacher Jamie Possinger '79 sent the message that we should not be satisfied with good when the best beckons us.

Forty years ago, Reverend Luther Schlenker '35 recognized that enrolling women would greatly benefit the Muhlenberg community, and raised $1.5 million to fund the initiation of coeducation.

Through the donations of Carolyn Buzzard '61 and the work of History Professor Emeritus Dr. Edwin Baldrige, current students and faculty can witness the advent of coeducation at Muhlenberg at Trexler Library.

The following poem was written by Margie Williams '61 and appeared in the first issue of the 1957 *Weekly*.

*What have we here?*
*A little lass*
*sitting in on physics class?*
*Be off!*
*This is a man's school.*

*And what is this?*
*A bright pink room*
*shining from*
*a once grey tomb?*
*Can't be.*
*This is a man's school.*

*What see I now?*
*It can't be: yet*
*it looks just like*
*a kitchenette.*
*Not so!*
*This is a man's school.*

*What is this I view*
*here from the mall?*
*Ruffled curtains in West Hall?*
*Never! This is a man's school.*

*Poor Muhlenberg!*
*You've made the room, now*
*prepare your dorm.*
*Oh well, this was a man's school!*

# Pleasantly surprised 1997 Homecoming King and Queen

## *Two stellar seniors win out over a fantastic homecoming court*

**by Noelle Donnelly**
***Weekly* news writer**

"Very Surprised!" This was the reaction of both the 1997 Homecoming King and Queen, Paul Peri and Regina Lee.

Paul Peri did not find out he won until after half-time when someone whispered it into his ear. Paul was not able to participate in the half-time activities because of a prior commitment as the co-captain of the football team.

Regina Lee graduated from Plainview Old Beth Page John F. Kennedy High School (what a mouthful!) on Long Island. Since she arrived at Muhlenberg she has been very busy. Regina is a Dana Scholar, President of International Students Association, a Tour Guide, and a Campus Delegate.

In addition, she keeps busy with the Spanish Club, Casa Guadeloupe, HAO-Hispanic Allentown Organization, Biology Club, and as a Freshman she ran track. Amazingly, she is also a full-time student here at Muhlenberg and plans to graduate this year with a double major in Biology and Spanish.

Regina is still undecided about her direction after graduation, but some of her ideas include a Physician's Assistant, a Master's in Public Health, and possibly Medical School in the future. Regina is Muhlenberg's Renaissance Woman!

Our Homecoming King, Paul Peri, is not any less impressive. Paul is Co-Captain of the Football team and is going to be an Assistant Coach to the Men's Basketball Team this winter. Peri is the President of TKE, the Education Department's Student Representative, and on the Inter-Fraternity Council. Paul is an Elementary Education and Psychology major. He would like to return to his hometown of Millburn, NJ to teach and coach.

Both Paul and Regina competed against a wonderful group of students and all of them deserve recognition. The crowning definitely added to the day's festivities.

***The 1997 King and Queen.***

***Members of the Homecoming Court gather for a photo.***

***Jen Blair and Shannon Gary from 1996***

# Muhlenberg Celebrates National Coming Out Day 1997

**This day is an occasion to increase awareness about the diversity of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.**

**National Coming Out Day commorates the 1987 march in Washington for gay and lesbian rights.**

**National Coming Out day increases visibility and raises awareness about equal rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals.**

*"Muhlenberg College provides the kind of environment that encourages individualism and originality...being involved in Rainbow Space has given me the opportunity to express my support of the homosexual and bisexual community."*

*—Ainsley Lamberton '01*

*"As an ally of the gay community at Muhlenberg, many people, even my friends, become uncomfortable when I say I'm off to a Rainbow Space meeting. It bothers me that people become uneasy when I show support for my gay friends."*

*—Anonymous '01*

*"There we were in our little group sitting in Parent's Plaza when an outted lesbian walks by. "Look at that dyke," said one of my friends. "I wish we didn't have to live with those kind of people." I got angry and those who know me know that I went off. I wasn't just mad at her bigotry though. I was mad that she thought that I would be accepting of such bigotry. Eventually, my friend and I talked. I don't know if she changed her mind but she doesn't speak around me with such ignorance anymore. And when I tell her that I'm off to a Rainbow Space meeting, she doesn't make lewd jokes. Instead, she bids me well and tells me to have fun. I guess the best thing I got out of this "experience" is that you can't assume folks know you—even your friends. You have to do something to let people know who you are. Get out there—if you support gay and lesbian rights, go to a Rainbow Space event, wear an "Ally" pin—let people (your friends) know that it's okay..."*

*—Helen Wojciechowski, '00*

*"I never felt more safe being gay than I do at Muhlenberg."*

*—Anonymous '00*

*"Being "in the closet" at Muhlenberg just makes you smell like mothballs! There are so many valuable resources to make* everyone *feel comfortable."*

*--Louis Alloro '00*

## Good things happening at the 'Berg

by Louis Alloro
*Weekly* news writer

In too many class rooms, in too many schools, on too many campuses around our country, there are students who are not being protected – let alone given an equal education. I am not talking about blacks or Asians or other ethnic minorities that we hear so much about.

Rather, I am speaking of a very hidden minority: gays, lesbians, and bisexuals – sexual minorities.

"Little is done – in most cases nothing," says Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty, "to change environments where homosexuals are outcast and labeled 'fags' and 'dykes'. But this is definitely not the case at today's Muhlenberg," he stated.

Since he began his presidency at Muhlenberg in the fall of '92, Arthur Taylor has fiercely believed that Muhlenberg College will be a place where students of any sexual orientation will feel not only comfortable but accepted. "Muhlenberg is committed," Taylor remarked, "to building a comfortable learning, living, and working environment for everyone."

In fact, three years ago, the college adopted a non-discrimination policy specifically including "sexual orientation" among the items for which Muhlenberg assures equal treatment in its "programs or activities including admissions, financial aid, and employment."

The college now stands as one of only several hundred other colleges and universities to have made this inclusion an actual policy.

To its end, the Muhlenberg community provides an environment in which diversity is nurtured, supported, and celebrated. Gay and lesbian staff members provide the visible role models that students need. Students, both heterosexual and homosexual have created an environment in which it is safe to live and a group where it is safe to be open, accepted, and understood.

The formation of this group – Rainbow Space – was only one of the results of the beginning of Taylor's era of tumultuous social change on campus. Not the first gay support group at Muhlenberg, Rainbow Space began just two years ago to create a safe space where gay-friendly (heterosexual, gay, lesbian, and bisexual people who are allies for those of minority sexual orientations) could gather to be themselves. Most weekly meeting time is filled with casual talks to conjure up and implement ideas for increasing campus awareness of issues related to sexual orientation.

Other events include movies and television programs relating to relevant and pressing issues, group participation in activities throughout the Lehigh Valley including Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Straight roller-skating, inter-collegiate socials, and even Pocono Mountain Retreats.

"We are like a group of friends or family," says one member. "Whatever is important to us we say....No one is afraid to speak up because this is a safe space."

"Don't get me wrong, homophobia does exist on our campus," says Hillel [Jewish Life] Director and co-Advisor to Rainbow Space Patti Mittleman. "Ignorance continues to be an issue but we are doing things here on campus to educate the community."

It is, however, becoming more common to find educational workshops being held to increase tolerance in the fraternity houses and coffee fellowships featuring gay speakers or gay film festivals in the Red Door Café.

BGLAD! (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days) Week has been held on campus for the past two years during which the college sponsors film festivals, guest speakers, alumni return sessions, and a Jeans Day on which even the statue of General Pete sported denim to show support for the integrity of Muhlenberg's sexual minorities. Other on-going events include resource tables and displays in Seegers Union, and the flying of the rainbow pride flag in front of the College Center.

A recent campus-wide event, co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Life and Rainbow Space, was a coming out party for "Ellen", marking the historic episode of Ellen DeGeneris' television show in which she came out as a lesbian.

Another addition to gay-friendly Muhlenberg has been the formation of BGLAAN (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Ally Alumni Network) whose goal is to support the educational ventures of the college and its students in issues related to sexual orientation. An '85 alum explains, "[that I wanted to make a monetary donation towards Rainbow Space because] college is definitely a time of many changes and dealing with issues of sexual orientation is extremely difficult and exhausting. Rainbow Space is an invaluable resource on this campus. Now that I'm on my feet in my job and in my relationship, I wanted to give back to Muhlenberg in this particular way."

A 1983 Muhlenberg Alum was shocked yet pleased to hear of the changes occurring on campus regarding issues of sexual orientation. During his time at Muhlenberg, he knew of many closeted gays on campus, including himself, who were afraid of being themselves. Today, more and more students feel comfortable celebrating the diversity of the college community.

Although the college still has improvements to make, the Muhlenberg of today is certainly a safer and more accepting place for everyone.

**COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!** Coming out day should be a day for all gay-friendly students, faculty, staff, and friends to "come out" as supporters of gay and lesbian students on campus and in our community.

To show your support, come to the **"mocktail" Party on Wednesday, October 15 at 8 PM in the Red Door Cafe.** We will serve alcohol-free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and activities will include resource tables, music, games and entertainment. Please "come out" and support Rainbow Space and our effort to make 'Berg a safer, more comfortable place for everyone.

*"I came out on campus my orientation weekend. After Maura Cullen's presentation of diversity, I went back to my advising group and told them I was gay. There was this sort of stunned silence and then the discussion went on. I have never regretted my decision. Coming out at Muhlenberg was the best thing I have ever done. I have never been harassed or bothered by anyone because of my orientation. Not to say Muhlenberg is an easy place to be gay, but for anyone who is considering coming out: It is not as bad as you think. I promise."*

*—Jess Bodling, '00*

*"I am an ally for gay/lesbian/bisexual students and an advocate for gay rights because I am a Jew. The teachings of our tradition and the lessons of our history, especially the Holocaust, support protecting the dignity of each human being."*

*—Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director*

*"When I was visiting colleges in my junior and senior years of high school, I always looked out of the corner of my eyes to try and see posters or signs for gay-straight student alliances. I was scared to go to college; I didn't know if I would fit in or be accepted. Muhlenberg was a delightful surprise. The administration lives up to its promise to make all students feel comfortable, students and faculty have proven to be strong role models and allies, and the presence of Rainbow Space is a very important part of increasing tolerance in the college community. The Muhlenberg climate makes me feel safe and comfortable being who I am."*

*—Anonymous, '00*

*"Sadly many great people are overlooked because of their sexual orientation. These beautiful people have shown me what the words love, respect, caring, and great actually mean. They are truly the beauty which surrounds me. I wish I could turn the heads of the others who cannot comprehend the actual meaning of beauty. All I can do, though, is pass it on..."*

*--Kathy Crockett '00*

# Homecoming 1997 Pictures

*Delta Zeta's birthday theme earned them the award for Most Outstanding Float*

*Sigma Phi Epsilon's Pirate Ship helped them sail away with the distinguished Presidents Award*

*Moving the annual homecoming dance out of the garden room and into a tent on Brown Mall was a huge success*

*Alumni and students came together as the college decided to provide us with alcohol rather than take it away at the tent party*

## Freshman Class Election Results

President - Benjamin Donson

Vice President - Ernie Campusano

Treasurer - Julia Dewolf

Freshmen Class Reps:

Barry Engel, Alexis Crum,Erin Cunningham, Scott Davies, Chris Rogers, Jodi Siegel

# Consult The Mule.....

## Your Weekly Horoscopes

by Jen Zwirn & Sherry Fazio

### Aries

So Aries. . . so utterly busy and not a second to breathe, huh? It's no wonder since the rest of the world thinks that you're actually like a magician, David Copperfield, and capable of being in ten different places at once! Well, how's about taking a few seconds out of every day to relax and rememberwhy you're here to begin with. The whole point of this college thing isn't to give yourself an ulcer or to make you a resume so chock full that nobody bothers to even read it....the point is to learn, grow, and enjoy all you do! Sure, your school work and extracurriculars are important but you've already got your ducks in a row and your head on straight. That's not the problem here...what you do need however is a lil' time to put everything you do here into perspective and remind yourself why you do it. If the answer doesn't have something to do with self-satisfaction, helping others, or sheer enjoyment, perhaps you ought to rethink why you're involved. Enjoy your much needed rest during break and try to get yourself back into the scheme of things. You don't want college to pass you by...you're here to enjoy these four years.

### Taurus

Hey Taurus, are you having a little guilt problem that seems to be hovering over your shoulders and won't go away? Playing a situation over your head a million times really isn't going to make it change or ease your conscience. We all do things from time to time that are a little out of character but that's what makes life so interesting. If you had a good time, that is all that matters...remember that things could always be worse and you're lucky that they're not. People could actually know what's going on inside that head of yours and that's where the trouble starts! See...now that you think about it, things really aren't all that bad. Fall break is coming up and even if somebody finds out one of your deep dark secrets, they will soon forget about them over the vacation and move onto bigger and better things when we get back. Calm down, Taurus, and give us a sigh of relief. You don't need to tip-toe around campus...now you have another exciting memory to laugh about in ten years.

### Gemini

Well, well, well, Gemini, apparently you recently found a pot of gold a t the end of a very bright rainbow. You had such a good time with it that you barely know what to do with yourself now. Having trouble containing yourself, huh!? You've kinda been faced with that kind of "where do I go from here" scenario! Must be nice, huh!? First of all, don't get a swelled head over the recent occurrences in your life. Some things just happen to fall into your lap now and then...rainbows don't happen every day. You've always been quite a likable and charming, Gemini - you just didn't know that those special people and all the luck in the world would come your way so suddenly. So now you're faced with a rather new and exciting situation and you don't know what to do first or how to react. Such problems, Gemini! Just follow your instincts and continue to have a good time with your newfound luck! Not everybody is as blessed as you, Gem, so be sure to enjoy every minute of it.

### Cancer

So, Cancer...what to do?! What to do?! Just when you thought you had everything figured out in your life and you thought that nothing could or would ever dare disrupt it yet again...your past has returned, but it's not back to haunt you, so have no fear! We must give you props, though, Cancer, because you are dealing magnificently as usual. It's no wonder since you have had so much practice in the past few years with this sort of thing. You've been great though - you've been trying to be practical and reasonable and you know that you don't want to get in too deep...just make sure that if your heart starts to tell you something, try to listen with both ears and stop pretending like it's not there. Even though it seems like you'll have endless chances at certain opportunities, college doesn't last forever...we're only here for four years. So, do what makes you happy first, but sure you're staying true to yourself at the same time.

### Leo

So Leo, rumor has it that you think you have the world figured out. Hello...did you forget where you were last week at this time?! Try and face reality for a second, if you can, and remember that things change as soon as you turn around, in the blink of an eye, at the drop of a hat...have we made our point?! Lately, your life has been a roller coaster and you're not really sure how ready you are for the ride...time to decide though, Leo...are you going to stay on track or jump the course?! Contrary to what you think, other people have to deal with things day in and day out, so you're not the only one who thinks they have troubles...it's just a matter of learning to deal and realizing that you are the only one who can control the outcome of every situation you involve yourself in. So instead of walking around thinking that you know exactly what's going on, perhaps you should take a step back and get off the ride for a while...become your own driver, Leo, and start making your own decisions.

### Virgo

Virgo, do you remember a time when Mom or Dad taught you to learnhow to swim?! Then a little while later, you had to do it all by yourself...of course it was scary and hard at first, but after you got the hang of it, you did just fine and never once sunk! Well, Virgo, the same scenario applies to you today...you've met a match in your life that has caused you to stand on your own two feet and believe it or not, you're actually doin' just fine with everything. Of course it's a lil' difficult every now and then to actually stand alone but we've all done it and we've all gotten through it and we have complete and utmost confidence in you! Being independent and not worrying what others think of you and what you do is a quality that few people are lucky enough to have...you, however, just so happen to have this lil' hidden dose of independence, so instead of setting it aside and forgetting about it, keep it in the forefront and remind yourself that you are perfectly capable of doing whatever you want as long as you out your mind, heart, and self in it.

### Libra

Hey Libra, do you have a thing against smiling?! You have been walking around lately with such a sneer on your face, it's like you're out to get someone! What's your problem exactly?! Should we all take cover or what?! Usually you are just as sweet as can be and one of the most fun people to be around but lately you're like the big bad grumpy-as-ever wolf and we just don't get it. People are actually scared to speak with you for fear of you biting off their head! You're so secretive and sly about everything and when your friends try to see what's up with you and your attitude lately, it's like you come up with one excuse after another. Someone better get the Endust out to polish that chip on your shoulder!!! Nobody is out to get you, Libra, so how about putting the defense mechanism away and returning back to your old normal fun self. Things may seem overwhelming every now and then but we can assure you that walking around campus unhappy and bitter does nothing for you but make it worse!

### Scorpio

OK, Scorp, here we go yet again...seems like you've got lots of things on your mind this week and you don't know exactly where and how to start sorting them out. Of course you've got things that are essential and worth worrying about, like friendships and classes, but you've also got a lot of things on your mind that are nothing but a waste of time for you right now. Let's think about it, Scorp, do you actually have the time to sit and ponder such nonsense?! Instead of being knit-picky about every little detail of everything going on with you, why not put it all into perspective and realize that you need to consider who and what means the most to you. Instead of thinking about things that will have no effect on you to begin with, perhaps you should look at every situation you've been in lately and get it through your head that some things are just way more important than others. If you're trying to focus mostly on what you want to get accomplished with what's going on with you...sometimes the most important things are the ones we often overlook.

### Sagittarius

Sag, looks as if you've got that certain something lately that seems to be drawing people in to you. It's like you actually have a fishing pole and you're reeling everyone in! You've been even more giving and positive than usual, walking around campus with a smile from ear to ear...and it's starting to get contagious! You're like the spreader of good cheer and everyone's loving it! Seems like wherever you go, people just want to follow and be around too. The fact that you've gone from happy to ecstatic so suddenly though is also making people wonder why you haven't shown these true colors of yours any sooner! Maybe you've wanted to keep all of your talents a secret but sorry, its outta the bag! Why keep something like that all hush hush anyway!? Whatever it is you've been doing lately, seems to be bringing you nothing but happiness and success as well and that's exactly how it should be. After all, when you do something, Sag, you do only your best, so keep in mind that you in turn deserve only the best.

### Capricorn

Ok, Cap, you've been given this thing called a brain, but clearly you're just not up to using it lately...have we gone on fall break before it's even started or are you just tired of having people relying on the fact that you always know the right answer!? You know, much to your dismay, people actually consider what you have to say...you may think this is a character flaw of some sort, Cap, but really it's a compliment in disguise. Next time someone asks you for help, instead of blowing up at them, or pretending to misunderstand their question, try considering how you'd feel if you were in their position...you'll probably realize that you are admired and respected for what you have to say, so instead of starting out break too early, why not get your head back in gear and start a thinkin' again!?

### Aquarius

Well, hello, Aquarius...looks to us like you've got your head in the clouds lately and it's all due to a lil' thing called love! A little birdie told us that somebody has actually taken your heart and you seem to be dealing just fine with it!

We heard it through the grape vine that you think you've found your soul mate for life! It's all peachy keen to be gung-ho about getting yourself into new relationships, but Aquarius, we just thought we'd take it upon yourselves to warn you...you need to fall off of cloud nine an drop back down to earth with the rest of us. It seems like you're letting your love life get the best of you because the idea of having a significant other seems to look really appealing.

Ask yourself why you're involved...is it for the right reasons or because you like the idea of having a date on national holidays?! We're not here to make you question what you may already know...we just want to let you know that not every cloud has a silver lining, so be sure you know what you're getting into.

### Pisces

Congratulations, Pisces! We're so happy to hear that you've finally decided to roll with the punches, live it up, and have a good time! It's funny the way that life works itself out, isn't it?!

You've finally realized that things are much easier to deal with if you take it as it comes, instead of walking around in a slump or a puss on your face. Just think, Pisces, it's character building!

It's high time you let your hair down and slip on them dancin'shoes! You've stopped your ponderin' about how to get something or how to get rid of it and instead of worrying about things before they happen, you've done a 360!! You've decided to just take everything with a grain of salt and ignore hearsay. You know, it takes a big person to recognize all of this so suddenly, but we're not surprised one bit, Pisces...you've always had it all together!

# "Spawn" soundtrack is not for the weak of heart

**Spawn Soundtrack ★★★**
**CD Review by David G. Boelker**
***Weekly* Entertainment Writer**

I run the risk of ridicule for not staying with my roots, but I just have to say one thing.

When I worked all summer listening to the local classic rock station, I was dying to hear something new, that is, aside from the Warren Zevon unplugged/live/from the Brixton Academy/blah, blah, blah, whatever and so on.

So, I went searching. I must admit I have a very limited resource for my new music, so my search machine just happens to be, and I am not ashamed to admit, MTV.

OK, so we all know about B.I.G. and Sean Combs, oh yeah, Puff Daddy, Matchbox 20, The Wallflowers and all those other bands that we can stand for only so long. But what else is there?

Certainly there is more. And there was. In the tradition(?) of the "Judgment Night" Soundtrack, "Spawn: The Album" seems to encompass a rising trend (I hate to use that word) in music today. That is the combination of different types of music to create an entirely different sound. This soundtrack is a must for two sides of the musical spectrum: metal and techno. While Ministry and other industrial bands have been doing this for years, it just seems more pleasing to the open-minded listener to get a variety of songs from multiple bands, DJ's and sound artists. While "Spawn: The Album" echoes the aggression of a collectively jaded youth, you have to admire the way in which this was done. On one hand, you have the menacing guitar riffs and vocals of the metal side, on the other is the entrancing beats and sound combinations of the techno side. The combination is fitting at its worst and the songs take the listener into an entirely different realm of reality of which I did not know existed. (I am probably taking this too far, but bare with it; it works for me.) If you happen to get into one of those moods, you know, before a big game, a bastard boyfriend/girlfriend or the Salisbury Steak served in the Garden Room, just put this CD on and turn it up. You won't be disappointed. You'll find that there are others as miserable as you, and in this fact, you might actually find some satisfying comfort. (OK, this is really getting weird. Too late) Alright, I'll just do the cliché song run-down thing.

With a total running time of 62:16, there is a song for everyone. The first track, by Filter and The Crystal Method is full and intricate, while the overall sound melts together perfectly. It is definitely near the top of the list; very good quality and balance. Marilyn Manson and Sneaker Pimps takes a minute to warm up, but after that, watch out. Screaming cymbals and drum volleys abound here between the slower parts. Korn and The Dust Brothers work together to produce a song that sounds like any other Korn song, but still it is good...and mean. The Butthole Surfers and techno guru, Moby combine their efforts to give up a sound that is best described as slow and low. Showing my roots, I must say that DJ Spooky just absolutely hacked up the Metallica classic, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." The producers missed the target on this one. Stabbing Westward and Wink...eerie. Prodigy and Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine converge on a deep, rhythmic tune.

Silverchair and Vitro, one of the top picks in my eyes. Henry Rollins and Goldie produce an off-camber song that hypnotizes.

Incubus and D.J. Greyboy: reminds me of Arrested Development. Take that how you wish. I like it. Slayer and Atari Teenage Riot: you just can't get any harder than these guys, mix in the techno and frequently sampled classic drum beats and you have what one can say is... an... interesting...experience.(?)

If you can appreciate Slayer, you'll love this. *The* top pick. Give this album a chance. It's not exactly what you want as background music on your answering machine, but it serves its purpose, whatever that might be, I am not exactly sure, but it's a keeper.


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# Letters to the Editor

## Attendence Encouraged at Meeting

To the Students-

Well, it's time again to start thinking about *your* **Student Body Meeting!** This is the gathering that Student Council Organizes to update you on what is going on at Muhlenberg, to let the students know about the projects we are working on, and to find out what projects you want us to tackle. Out of last semester's **Student Body Meeting** came a great idea to put the path behind Martin Luther hall.

This semester's **Student Body Meeting** is Monday, October 20th at 3:00 in the Recital Hall, located in the Baker Center for the Arts. Mark your Calendars! Let Student Council know what you want to talk and hear about. Let us know about the job we are doing and what you think about the 'Berg. Send suggestions to box 2471, or e-mail Student Council at council@muhlenberg.edu. Student Council's job is to represent your wants and needs. Help us help you! Send us your ideas and show up at *your* **Student Body Meeting!**

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Student Council

## Columnist Answers Fan Mail

This week I thought I would answer some fan mail. Since I started this column about a year ago, I have received numerous letters from my readers (okay, so I got three letters, but they were all very nice). Here are my replies:

Letter #1
Dear Joe,

Thanks for writing. No, I do not know where you can find a good diesel mechanic. My grandpa used to fix lawn mowers, so you could try calling him. As for an answer to your other question, certain shampoos can clear that up in a couple days. Thanks again!

Letter #2
Dear Mom,

Yes, I'll call more often. Yes, I'll write. Yes, I'm in the library every chance I get. The brownies were good. Send more Pepto-Bismol. How is the livestock? I'm doing pretty well here in the big city. They have this highway here where there are two lanes going in the same direction! Some people here pay more than five thousand dollars for their cars, and they're not even pick-up trucks. You have to come visit sometime (tell Dad to leave the gun at home because there are a lot of squirrels here and we aren't supposed to shoot 'em).

Bye bye!

**The World According To Me**
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

Letter #3
Dear Marv A.,

This was the most bizarre letter I've ever read. I think you have some issues. You want to bite someone in the back? What's wrong with you? You want to go shopping at Victoria's Secret and you want to know what would look best on a toupee wearing, basketball announcing, crossdressing sportscaster? At first I wanted to say that a midnight blue bra with matching panties would be your best bet but then I thought hey, that's disgusting! Thanks for your letter; don't ever write to me again.

## Assistant Editor Discusses Lack of Papers

**by Heidi Herder**
**Assistant Opinion Editor**

Did anyone on campus try to get *The Weekly* last week and find that they were all gone? Last week approximately 600 copies of *The Muhlenberg Weekly* were stolen from the rack in Seegers Union. It appears that several students were mentioned in last week's issue who did not want others to read their names. So, in stealing the papers not only did students not get to see any names printed, they also did not get to see any of the articles, stories, and everyone's favorite-the horoscopes.

It is the job of *The Weekly* to report news. If our papers are stolen, we are depriving students of their right to information. I understand that stuff happens and people really do not want word to get out, however, news is news. Documented information must be printed and those involved must suffer these consequences. If you are going to do the crime you are going to have to do the time!

It is a shame that such acts of theft have to occur for people to try and salvage their reputations. Word is going to get out, regardless of whether you steal the paper or not. Be realistic; this is a small campus and word spreads like wild fire. If it didn't get out last week, it is merely a matter of time.

## Hillside Plumbing Gets Associate Editor's Attention

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Associate Editor**

My alarm goes off.
Snooze.
My alarm goes off.
Snooze.
My alarm goes off.
Damn, I gotta get....wait....he doesn't take attendance.....
Snooze.
My alarm goes off.

There's seven people in my class. I get up.

I grab my towel, my shower stuff. It hits me. The fear. The fear I feel every time I walk down the three foot wide hallways of Hillside as I prepare to take a shower.

The fear stems from the first day of school, when I, naive, unafraid, first set foot in the Hillside shower. All of a sudden the water jumped a little, and that's the only warning I got. The hot water hit me. And I'm not talking about your regular, run of the mill hot water. This was water heated from the depths of Hell. I yelled and jumped out of the way, but it was too late.

Ever since then the fear has been in the back of my mind. And there's nothing any of us residents can do. Of course we set up a warning system: yell "flush" or "heads up" whenever someone is in the shower. But the real devilish part of some perverse plumber's little scheme is that not only is the upstairs shower affected by flushing the toilets there, but by downstairs as well. So without warning, a comfortable shower is instantly turned into a cascade of molten lava.

And now a new twist has arisen in the past two weeks. Not only does the shower instantly turn hot, but now it turns cold as well. Ice cold. Also with no warning.

Now I know this doesn't really seem like a big deal. However, a shower is supposed to be a soothing, comforting way to start your day, or to help you unwind after a hard day of classes.

It couldn't take much to fix the water system at Hillside, and to give us residents a shower we deserve.

## Gothic Teens Scare Tourists at Disneyland

It is a sign. Disneyland has been invaded. I guess it had to catch up eventually. According to Ester Schrader, who writes for the *Los Angeles Times*, "Gothic" teens have invaded the parking lot of the world renowned tourist attraction. Apparently, these teens dress in dog collars, wear pale make-up, and engage in marijuana swapping in the lots much to the chagrin of tourists and park officials alike.

Disneyland was supposed to be a bastion of safe and happy interactions. These types of people don't exist in Walt Disney's utopian prophecy that has become a theme park in several countries. It was supposed to be a place where people could come to escape the realities of everyday problems. It becomes almost amusing when these teens are arrested for "crimes" such as jaywalking. It seems that there is an ulterior motive for the removal of these individuals from the famous spot in California. Perhaps the administration of the park is uncomfortable with people who don't exactly fit the motif of "It's a small world" and instead represent some of the twists and turns on "Mr. Toads Wild Ride". Whatever the reason, cheaper admission passes have attracted these dregs of society into the park, and removing them is no easy task.

**An Outside Perspective**
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

If the administration of the park is not careful, they will face discrimination claims from some of these individuals. Complaints from ticket holders have escalated in proportion with the presence of these teens in the parking lots. The last thing Disney administration wants is a ticket holder rebelling against the less popular clientele, and avoiding the park completely. The teens find the park lots "A great way to get out of the house...and there are hundreds of kids hanging out together, ragging on this whole tourist scene." Amusingly, this is the exact opposite of what the administration of the park desires.

I find this whole situation completely absurd, not just the reactions of all those involved, but that this made several national newspapers. I wonder if these people have ever been to a shopping mall, or Denny's restaurant on any Friday night. Most of society is at least tolerant of this form of expression. Disney will soon have to adjust. Welcome to the real world, Disneyland.

## Student Works Up Courage Through Uninhibition

I guess that I'll have to start off this column by retracting a portion of last weeks article. It's really not a retraction so much as an addition. I never claimed last week that it was wrong to drink, or even to drink excessively. I simply stated that it might be interesting to find out how a few select alumni had fared in the real world before everyone decided to put their brains on auto-pilot, with the blow up keg behind the wheel. I actually had quite an interesting experience this weekend, due in part to the un-inhibition of alcohol.

Call me a hypocrite if you will, but my experience while 'slightly befuddled' is the topic of this week's column. This experience occurred when a student (whom I'd never actually been *formally* introduced to, but with whom I'd met under, shall we say: "extenuating circumstances" approached a friend neighboring me. This approach-ed, "Rey", I had previously met informally as he was bawling me out for pouring a slight amount of beer from my pitcher into his slightly empty pitcher. Now don't get me wrong for what Rey took as an offensive gesture --, by pouring out the remaining drops of beer from my pitcher into his was simply an attempt to once again make my pitcher void and readily prepared for immediate replenishment. Basically the keg was running out and I wanted to fill my allready empty container before last call. This was neither a transgression directed at "Rey" nor the members of his 'pitcher' party. I had simply taken it upon myself to fetch beer for my small social gathering and, not wanting a drop of the precious sticky liquid to be spilled, so deemed it necessisary to gratuitously give from our pitcher to thiers.

**Worlds Apart**
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

Anyway, I was finally formally introduced to "Rey". I somehow worked up the courage, within my ordinarilly timid self, to recount with "Rey" our previous encounter/s. This gave me the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and embark anew without any prior preconceptions that I may have held about "Rey". I'm not retracting my statements made last week, because I never claimed that a little inebriation was bad, a bit of a hum is a good thing! This statement is an addition to last week's article and is neither an excuse nor is it an incentive to get tipsy. Drink responsibly, drink like every other mature, independent college student, and drink most when the alcohol is free! Until next week....

# Guest Columnists Ponder *Back to the Future*

**by Dave Cox**
**and**
**D'Arcy O'Connor**
**Guest Columnists**

Dave: My friend D'Arcy and I have a few opinions about the Back to the Future trilogy, and we would like to share them with you. They involve Marty, Doc Brown, McFly , Biff, and the time travelling Delorian.

D'Arcy: Spanning three great movies Marty leads us through his wacky adventures through the past, future, and present. However, is Marty really a great hero? I think not. What the hell was his problem when Biff called him "chicken"? I know for a fact that chicken is a compliment. Marty should have just turned to Biff and his thug friends smiling and said, "gee...thanks guys! I love you guys."

Dave: What is most strikingly impressive to me is the overwhelming mediocrity of the trilogy. Doc Brown was a complete maniac, and he reminds me of D'Arcy. D'Arcy is a maniac who drives around in his friends' cars at 80 miles per hour and pretends to time travel on Chew street.

D'Arcy: Whatever Dave! I want to concentrate on how the character Marty would fit into other movies. I mean how would McFly fit into Transformers: The movie? Would he break down and cry every time Starscream and Megatron yelled at him. I mean what if Megatron needed some Energon-Cubes, but he had no time to go himself due to his duty as Decepticon tyrant, would Marty argue with him and travel to some stupid time period and bring back sugar cubes to spite him? Or how for instance, would Marty fit into the whole battle with Unicron? Would his stupid human arms be useful against the planet eating beast? Marty's a damn farce and due to my thought experiment a freakin' sucky hero. Die McFly DIE!!!

C.J. (special guest): First of all, D'Arcy, you got it all wrong. Marty would have nothing to do with the Decipticons. He's an Autobot all the way. I mean, that little kid Spike hung out with the Autobots all the time, and I'm sure Marty could help them out more than he did.

Dave: By far the best Transformers of all time was the one when D'Arcy kept driving Jazz around trying to time warp on Chew street. "Yahoo!" yelled D'Arcy "Yahoo!" Then when Doc Brown and Galvatron ate all the Energon-Cubes and then chopped off D'Arcy's head and stole his power like the Highlander, we knew that they were gluttons. We couldn't do anything though because they were far too powerful at that point. What we all did was chop off Optimus Prime's head and stole his power. Then the Matrix was stolen by the dancing red midget from Twin Peaks who said "let's rock!" But let's get back to the point of the conversation which is the Transformers trilogy.

D'Arcy: Ayo! Did anybody see the "Return of Optimus Prime episode"? The Dinobots with the help of the Ultra Magnus (I think his name was Flying saucer) fought back a Decepticon assault at Autobotcity. This lead to Slaag flipping out and ripping Devastator's legs off. It was soooo cool. Then Constructicons de-transformed and started to run away. Then Optimus Prime said, "Roll Out Autobots!" He always said that. Anyway Optimus came back to life when the Sharkdicons did the universal greeting to him. Then Unicron came down to earth and said, "hey it's my birthday guys! Who wants to go kill Soundwave and eat his energon tapes. I get to eat Ravage and Rumble." The Autobots agreed to celebrate with Unicron and the episode ended with Hotrod drinking blood out of Soundwave's empty skull. Oh boy , I love the way Soundwave talked. It sounded like he was a wacky kind of guy. I wish he went to Muhlenberg. Then I would try to be best friends with him.

Dave: Thanks Muhlenberg for listening to our thought on the Transformer Trilogy. See you soon.

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STAN THE MULE
by Subbio
During this, the week before fall break, professors are looking to pack in all those tests, quizes, and papers. That means all-nighters for a lot of students. How can they stay up? Here's a few general profiles to help you recognize which of your friends stayed up, and how.
Type 1: actually stayed up 'till 7AM but takes a nap & oversleeps. Typically crusty and wrinkled.
Type 2: Stayed up on 3 cigarrette packs' worth of nicotine. Typically has mix of morning and dragon breath.
3: stayed up on 17 cups of coffee. Has "googly" eyes and talks somewhat incoherently.
man... that test was hard... syllabus... bowling too!
4: Took one too many "No-Doz"'s. Usually has lost all sense of reality and babbles incessantly.
yip! yip! yeep yip! teeheeheeheehee
5: Mix of types 2,3 and 4. Beware.
GRONK! GRONK! GRIBBLEGRONK!

# Editor speaks out on Mules' play-calling

Every new coaching regime is allowed a "grace period" to impose thier own style and mold their team in its own image.

The Muhlenberg football team was recently reshaped and retooled, and the coaching staff has been improving on a team that was a few plays away from being considered on the rise last year. At its last game, Homecoming 1997, there was a disturbing trend in play calling that seemed to reflect absolutely no confidence in the team or its players.

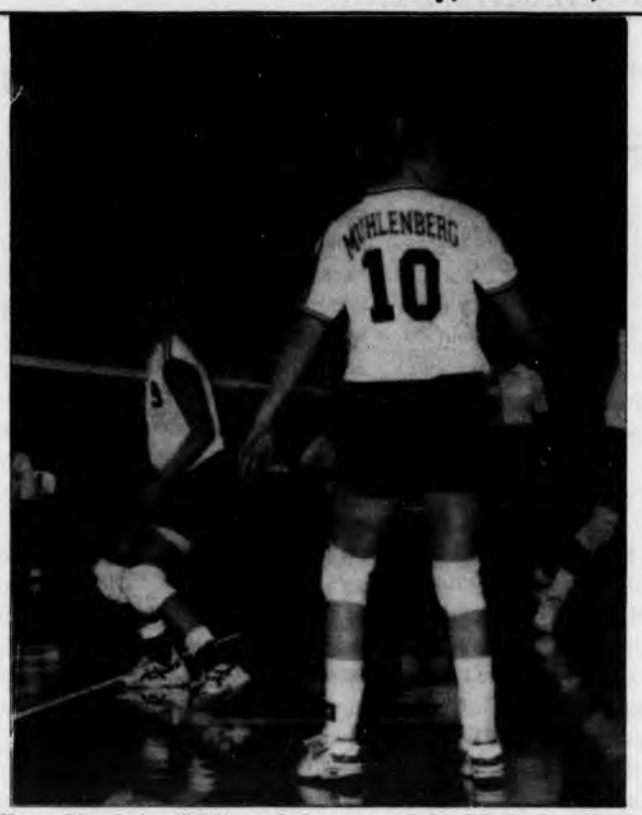
The first half was not going Muhlenberg's way until the final few minutes. The offense put together a drive that put them seriously close to the end zone. The clock ticked down to nine seconds, and third down was at hand. Instead of showing confidence in the offense that had driven down the field and throwing into the end zone, the coaches elected to kick a field goal. As luck would have it, the kick was blocked. That wasn't the tragedy, however. The players should have been afforded an opportunity to try to score a touchdown on third down.

There was more than enough time to throw a pass and still stop the clock in case it didn't connect. With a team down by thirty, it doesn't make sense to simply put points on the board. If you are playing to win, you have to go for a touchdown on third down when you are down by thirty. Going for a field goal when you are down by thirty. is like waving the white flag. Show some confidence in the players. If a pass had connected in the end zone, momentum would have switched to Muhlenberg's side. Instead, all the life was taken out of the team.

I realize that it is easy to play Monday morning quarterback. It just seems to me that in order to instill a winning attitude in our football program, the play calling needs to reflect á more aggressive attitude.

It would be great to see our team go out and totally confuse their opponents with creative plays and keep them guessing throughout the entire game. Perhaps with more aggressive and innovative plays, the team could grab an early lead and then dictate the pace of the game from there. It has to be worth a try.

**Mark Koup**
**Opinion Editor**




***Allison Verduin (#10) and the rest of the Mules' volleyball team went 4-1 this past week. Muhlenberg took second place at the Wesleyan Invitational, where Lauren Buyyounouski was named to to the All-Tounament team. Buyyyounouski also recorded her 1000th career kill. Earlier this season she recorded her 1000th career dig, making her the first Mule to ever reach the 1000 mark in digs and kills. The Mules, now 11-7, have reached double digits in wins for the seventh straight year.***

# Mules beat Johns Hopkins at Homecoming

## *Win against #2 nationally ranked squad boosts Muhlenberg's ranking*

**by Seth Leichter**
***Weekly* sports writer**

There is a well known codicil here at Muhlenberg College which states that athletes must step it up during crunchtime. Crunchtime being Centennial Conference games. After tying Gettysburg 2-2, the Mules needed to establish themselves as the Centennial Conference powerhouse they have the potential to become.

After a string of bad performances, Muhlenberg embarked on a crossroads that could serve as a springboard to propel the team closer to an NCAA Tournament bid. On Wednesday the Mules hosted their arch rivals, Franklin and Marshall.

F & M has had some success over the past few seasons, though they are a difficult team to predict. One day, they could be clicking on all cylinders and be one of the Conference's toughest teams. Other times they have a tendency to fall all over themselves. All that accounted for, good teams never take their opponents for granted. Muhlenberg is one of those good teams.

Some F.Y.I. about the game: Dave "Vino con" Vivino had a strong showing after making his first start off a groin injury. I feel for you, man. Brad Kocher made his first start for the Mules at right fullback. The lowdown on Kocher is that he is a big, strong, speedy player with the desire necessary to win. Sean Topping moved to right flanker. In addition to the lineup changes, the team switched its formation back to the 4-4-2 because the players feel more comfortable with this configuration.

Starting out strong has been a constant problem plaguing the Mules. Not that day. 'Berg came out swinging.in both halves.

In the first half, 'Berg demonstrated good play with good passing, strong defensive pressure, controlling the 50/50 balls, and crashing the net to capitalize on rebounds.

The second half saw a strong start by the Mules that was overshadowed by some disjointedness due to constant substitutions, mediocre passing, and lackadaisical defensive pressure in their own penalty box.

But soccer faithful don't get discouraged. The Mules wiped the floor with F and M's tooshie. The boys in crimson tallied five goals. Led by two strikes via the foot of Tim "Phil" O'Donohue in the first half, the Mules went on to blank Franklin and Marshall 5-0.

***Goalkeeper Dan Wilkin prepares for a shot***

The other goals were scored by Sean Topping, Todd Ervin, and Ben Hoffman.

Topping side-volleyed a flick from 14 yards out off of a corner kick. Todd "with Bleach Alternative" Ervin sent a pass from 20 yards out that deflected off an F and M defender and crossed the goalline. Ben "Hey, man, why don't you buzz" Hoffman turned a pass by George Aiken "in his boots" into revenue with the goal collected in this time period.

On Saturday, 'Berg invited the nation's second ranked team, Johns Hopkins, to do battle on the mecca of all Muhlenberg weekends: Homecoming!

Hopkins is a quick, strong, aggressive team that hasn't lost a game since 1995 when they fell to the Mules at home. They are led by a good sweeper. To avoid the sweeper, 'Berg would draw him to one side and pass the ball to the other side or play it behind him.

Muhlenberg started out and continued to play well with good defense in this high pressured, intensely passionate game.

Fifteen minutes into the game, Johannes "Gutenburg(creator of the first printed bible)" Hohman redirected a header from Mike "No my Dad is not Paul" Schaffer which was thrown in by Todd "He's got some" (N)Ervin.

That proved to be all that the Mules needed to upset the #2 team.

The win would not have been without two important factors. First, the outstanding play of the one they call the wall, Goalie Dan Wilkin, as he stopped an assault resembling Desert Storm in the final 2 minutes. Second was the huge turnout by the fans that created the intangible 12th man factor.

In actuality, the Mules should have scored 3-4 more times as they couldn't capitalize on 1 on 1's.

What differentiates a mediocre team from a good team is their ability to win close games. A big reason that the Mules have had recent success is that their practices are daily wars between 1st and 2nd stringers as well as key roleplayers such as Kevin "Hoisted his drawers up the" Mastropole.

Up next for the Mules is a meeting with Binghamton, which is making its way to division one next season. Binghamton uses an unorthodox 3-4-3 formation. They have always been a quality team. Be sure to come out and support teh boys in crimson and grey as they pursue a tourny bid.

# Profile of a Mule: Laurie Kennedy

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* sports columnist

"Don't give up.....Don't ever give up!" This was the motto of Jim Valvano, the late, great basketball coach of the University of North Carolina State. It preaches the idea of persistence rather than the practice of quitting; the thought of inner strength instead of the perception of external weakness.

The most successful people in the world are those who do not crumble when things get tough, but rather those who meet the challenge head on; refusing to quit and surrender. Laurie Kennedy is a true to life example of the very idea Coach Valvano preached during his life. Laurie, a senior soccer player, has undergone much adversity to reach the pinnacle of success.

Laurie hails from Clarksburg, New Jersey; although she originally lived in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. It was there that she began a long career culminating with her final year at Muhlenberg. Beginning her run at the age of 6, Laurie has played a total of fifteen years, including four very successful years at Notre Dame High School in New Jersey. It was here that Laurie starred on a two-time conference championship team, one being in her fourth and final year.

After being highly recruited by several schools, Laurie decided to attend Muhlenberg College, her first choice.

"I really enjoyed the overnight visit I had. I felt like I fit-in, the people were very friendly and the campus had a warm atmosphere about it. It just felt right."

Laurie said the high academic reputation Muhlenberg has was a major factor in her decision as well.

Adjusting to soccer here at Muhlenberg was not a difficult process for Laurie.

"The soccer program had only started a few years prior to my coming here. It was almost as though the program was adjusting as I was." The developing program did not steer her away from playing the game she loved. Laurie was a member of current coach Leslie Bennitend's first recruiting class. Currently there are only two remaining members from that recruiting class: Laurie, and Denise Diorio. With players quitting and being injured throughout the years the rebuilding has been forced to take much longer than it should have.

All of this adversity could have been reason enough to quit. Yet Laurie has never given up on her team or herself in her four years at Muhlenberg. That is an accomplishment in its own right. Both Laurie and Denise should be praised for their perseverance and dedication.

Laurie modestly considers herself just an average player. "I don't have the footwork skills that others have, but I get the job done. I basically am just a consistent player."

Calling Laurie average is a huge understatement. What she may lack in skill, she makes up for in intelligence and leadership. She is nothing less than great!

Laurie has carried on her dedication with the books as well. A psychology major, she plans to go to grad school to achieve her Masters in Social Work. There is no doubt in my mind that she will achieve her goals in life, as well as soccer, with flying colors. What Laurie has is unteachable; it is what separates the great players from the good players. Laurie has a heart that is filled with enough desire that she will never back down from any situation that arises. I am quite sure that somewhere Coach Jimmy V is looking down with a big smile on his face for Laurie Kennedy.

# Field hockey team shuts out Elizabethtown 2-0

by Eric Hilderbrand
*Weekly* sports writer

The women's field hockey team continued its upward swing and defeated the Blue Jays of Elizabethtown 2-0. The 'Berg defense played tough all game and the offense continued to find the back of the cage agiainst the non-conference opponent.

The Mules struck first with 2:14 remaining in the first half.

Freshman Carole Caine received the ball of a penalty corner and passed it to senior Becky Hartshorn who put the ball past the Elizabethtown goalie for her first career goal.

Senior Sarah Miner added another goal later in the second half to put the game out of reach from the struggling Blue Jays.

Sophomore Becky Pierotti took the play inside the circle and passed it to Miner , positioned at the left goal post, who then put the ball into the back of the cage.

The Muhlenberg defense fought off 12 penalty corners and 10 shots during the game to earn its second shut-out of the season.

Freshman goalie Allison Neet had another good game saving 7 shots in the shutout effort.

"We all played well together, we had it offensively and defensively" Neet said of the game.

The win lifted Muhlenberg's record to 3-6 overall (1-3 in the Centennial conference). The Lady Mules will be at Delaware Valley on Thursday and then have a break until Saturday, October 18th when they will face Wesley at home.

The girls toughest game however, will come Tuesday the 21st against Swarthmore who sits atop the Centennial Conference.

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat 10/11 at Swarthmore & Sat. 10/18 home vs. Johns Hopkins @ 1:30

**Cross Country:** Sat. 10/11 at Dickinson Invitational & Sat. 10/18 at Allentown Invitational

**Field Hockey:** Thur. 10/9 at Delaware Valley, Thur. 10/16 at Drew, & Tue. 10/21 home vs. Swarthmore @ 3:30

**Volleyball:** Thur. 10/16 home vs. Haverford @ 7:00, Sat. 10/18 at Washington, & Mon. 10/20 home vs. Allentown @ 7:00

**Men's Soccer:** Wed. 10/15 at Messiah, Sat. 10/18 at Western Maryland, & Wed. 10/22 at Rowan

**Women's Soccer:** Thur. 10/9 home vs. Ursinus @ 3:00, Sat. 10/18 at Albright, & Tue. 10/21 at Alvernia

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# Mules Terror-ized by Western Maryland

## *Muhlenberg loses big to Green Terror at Homecoming to drop to 0-4*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Playing against the hottest team in Division III, Muhlenberg, who had shown signs of steady improvement in the last two contests, did so again in the first quarter against the Green Terrors of Western Maryland.

The defense stopped a long Western Maryland drive at third down in the red zone, saving the touchdown and giving up only a field goal. Then disaster struck.

In the second quarter, Western Maryland ran, passed, and kicked, putting points on the board with every effort. 4 touchdowns later, there was little doubt about how this game would finish. However, there still remained an entire second half to play. The questions here: Would Muhlenberg simply roll over? Would Western Maryland show mercy and start substituting?

Neither happened.

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The Mules never quit, and the Green Terrors never stopped trying to score.

Early in the third quarter, trailing 37-0, on first and ten at their own 15, Quarterback and Captain George Fosdick handed the ball off to running back Jason Brader, who scrambled 7 yards through the Green and Gold line of Western Maryland. On the next play, Brader rushed for 17 more.

With a new first down, Muhlenberg faked a run up the middle, fooling everyone. Fosdick looked down the field and connected to Paul Peri for a 14-yard gain and another first down.

Brader crashed through the Western Maryland defense again for a gain of 8 yards. It was second and short when Fosdick took the snap and dropped back into the pocket. He checked his receivers—the Western Maryland secondary was too good.

As the pass rush started to break through the Muhlenberg line, Fosdick advanced out of the pocket, trying to get back to the line of scrimmage, but Maryland got to him first, for a one-yard loss on the play.

The passing game was weak all day for the Mules. While in the first three games they averaged 272 yards in the air, against the Green Terror of Western Maryland, Fosdick threw for an uncharacteristic 142 yards and was sacked three times. Chuck Draper was the leading receiver, who in 4 catches advanced 67 yards.

So on third and short, Muhlenberg kept the ball on the ground again. Brader shrugged off a tackle, then another, as the Homecoming crowd cheered wildly watching him rip 35 yards past Western Maryland into the endzone. Brader rushed for 170 total yards in the game.

Yet still more tests awaited the Mules. On Western Maryland's next campaign, the Terror advanced sixty yards to the Muhlenberg nine yard line. It looked like they were ready to score again. But freshman Roverback Mwaura Muroki intercepted a pass at the goal line and returned it 43 yards before being stopped by a pile of Western Maryland players at midfield.

Muhlenberg played hard throughout the rest of the second half. Although they did allow another Green Terror touchdown, the Mule defense sacked the Western Maryland quarterback in the endzone for a safety and two points on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

This was certainly a disappointing loss for the Mules. For the past two weeks, Muhlenberg had elevated its level of play and was beginning to look like a team that would soon come out on the winning end of a contest.

They ran into a stone wall this weekend, however, against a more talented Western Maryland squad who have done the same kind of damage to everyone else they have played this year. Muhlenberg held on to the ball for a commanding 35 minutes, yet Western Maryland with the power of their special teams, was able to strike rapidly and put points on the board in quick clusters that left the Mules bewildered at times.

Next week, the Mules face Swarthmore College for a more legitimate test of how far their skills have improved.

# Women's soccer team beats Bryn Mawr 2-1

## *Goals from Celina Boer and Denise Diorio lead Mules to victory*

**by Morgan Weinberg**
**Weekly sports writer**

The Mules' women soccer team rebounded from their 2-1 loss against Haverford with a 2-1 win over Bryn Mawr.

The Mules pressured hard with twenty eight shots on goal, but only capitalized twice.

The two goals came from junior Celina Boer and senior captain Denise Diorio.

In the first half the Mules took advantage of a direct kick.

A quick restart by senior captain Laurie Kennedy began the series of passes which led to the first goal.

Boer finished from an assist from sophomore Sarah Fiumara.

Boer is on her way to surpassing her previous season record of seven goals.

She currently has six goals this season.

The second goal came in the second half off a cross from freshman Jen Sands.

Sands crossed the ball to the top of the six yard box where Diorio placed it passed Bryn Mawr's keeper.

That was Diorio's second goal this season.

Come watch as the women's soccer team takes on Ursinus on Thursday at 4 pm.

***The 1997 Muhlenberg College women's soccer team***

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# City council ordinance limits off-campus housing

## *By a 4-3 margin, Muhlenberg students lose housing privileges*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

What first seemed like a Muhlenberg victory quickly turned to a Muhlenberg defeat. The future of more student occupied housing seems dim after Allentown City Council voted to approve the second version of the Student Residence Overlay District by a vote of 4-3. The College unsuccessfully appealed the legality of the procedure used for the second version on October 15.

The Ordinance originally failed on September 17 by a vote of 3-3. Ernest Toth was on vacation in September and did not vote on the first version of the ordinance. After Toth returned and he revealed his position on the ordinance, ordinance supporters made two small changes and introduced the bill as new legislation.

The college asked Lehigh County judge to block the vote because council did not give 30 days notice required to institute a piece of legislation. Muhlenberg counsel Maxwell Davison also contended the legislation is unconstitutional because it discriminates against students.

The petition asked the court to bar council from voting on the bill until January 5, 1998 or later.

On that day, Overlay District supporter Martin Velazquez will vacate his seat on council. Velazquez is running for mayor and not re-election to his seat on city council.

Judge James N. Diefenderfer heard the request and denied the college's request for an injunction.

"Courts don't intervene in the legislative process until the legislative process has fully run," said Diefenderfer.

Voting for the zoning amendment were Martin Velazquez III, David M. Howells, Ernest E. Toth and Council President Terrence P. Spirosa. David K. Bausch, Frank J. Concannon and Emma D. Tropiano voted against it.

College officials would not comment on future legal action taken by the college.

The entire situation was almost avoided according to neighborhood supporters. On October 10, residents felt that an agreement with the college had been made. The agreement would have decreased the zoning region to campus bordering residences.

*The future of off-campus housing like Keck House is in jeopardy.*

The college would, in turn, decrease the number of off-campus students by 36 over the next seven years.

However, Muhlenberg College President Arthur Taylor rejected the comprimise.

In regards to the rejected comprimise, Vice-President of Public Relations Michael Bruckner claimed the comprimise was unfair.

"We tried to arrive at an agreement, but we would rather stand in opposition to a bad ordinance than accept a bad agreement, " Bruckner said.

Because an aggreement was not reached, the student overlay ordinance continued its way through Allentown government.

The purpose of the ordinance is to slow the influx of students into the neighborhoods restricting landlords in the new district by renting to just two students per dwelling.

Residences currently inhabited by students will continue to be allowed to be used for students as long as landlords register the property with the zoning board.

# Student initiated food service discussion seems successful

**by Mark Koup**
***Weekly* Editor**

Juniors Steve Poletto and Chris Werner organized a meeting with college officials and representatives of the Wood Company to discuss the quality of Muhlenberg's food services, on Monday. The meeting was extremely productive in terms of communication between students and administration.

Kevin Gordon and Rich Meyers from the Wood Company, as well as Hugh O'Brien and Dick Begbie representing Muhlenberg heard Werner's complaints. He relayed to the administration how the Red Door is more often than not out of food. The "After Seven" menu was discussed as a major problem, since the cafe was always out of a few menu items.

Gordon seemed genuinely shocked, and guaranteed that all the food on the menus is on campus. He suggested the staff might have been unwilling to go down the hall to get the necessary ingredients. Gordon insisted this attitude was going to change. Students are his first priority, and he guaranteed better service.

Suggestion boxes will be placed in the General's Quarters as well as the Red Door Cafe, with the intent to generate the response the napkin board in the Garden Room receives. A meal equivalency at the Red Door Cafe for the "After Seven" menu was proposed, and Begbie and Gordon promised to consider implementing such an option. This meal choice, if implemented, would only be available to flex and declining balance users.

Muhlenberg has a contract with the Wood Company that essentially delegates policy and contractual decisions to Wood. Many of the difficulties our food services have endured are a result of the resignation of the General manager and executive chef.

Students are encouraged to relay their concerns over the dining services at Muhlenberg to anyone mentioned in this article, as well as to representatives on Student Council. The administration is genuinely interested in improving the quality of service we receive.

As for those who are hoping to get an institution such as Woody's on the meal plan, keep dreaming. Muhlenberg does not have the technology to make this possible. As Begbie said, "If we can't get Hillel and Newman House on the network, you can imagine what it would take to put anyone further off campus on the network...."

Regardless, changes such as those suggested by Poletto and Werner can improve food services, and it is worth your time to express your concerns to the administration. Things are slowly changing for the better.

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# On Campus

Things happening about college-related issues around the world. Information courtesy of USA Today.

Ann Arbor, Michigan -- According to the national "Monitoring the Future" study by the University's Institute of Social Research, marijuana has accounted for much of the overall increase in illict drug use in the latter part of the '90s. A survery conducted found that drug violations have increased by 34 percent.

Washington, D.C. -- A new petition to the United States Supreme Court pits privacy against protection in the case of student crime records. A 1991 federal law requires college adminstrations to release a number of campus security statistics, but some say it may not go far enough. The law, called the Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Statistics Act, requires publicly funded colleges and universities to disclose crime-related campus policies, programs and statisitics top the student newspaper and prospective students or employees upon request.

Boston, Mass. -- Boston University has accused Web page companies advertising term papers on the Internet of wire fraud, mail fraud and racketeering. University officials claim that eight companies in seven states have violated a Massachusetts state law that prohibits the sale of term papers. The companies claim that the documents are available for research material and are not to be submitted as original material. According to Boston University attorneys, one company that was not to be identified offered to put the professor's name and course number on the cover sheet. The lawsuit seeks a court order barring the companies from doing business in Massachusetts. Company officials claim a violation of First Amendment rights.

New Haven, Conn. -- Four Orthodox Jewish students at Yale University filed a lawsuit last week claiming that Yale's mandatory housing policy violates the student's federal constitutional rights and contractual agreements with the students and Yale. The suit followed weeks of failed negotiations, in which students decided they were unable to live in Yale dorms without comprimising the modesty their religion requires.

Cambridge, Mass. -- The Massachusetts Board of Education voted Tuesday to ban alcohol on all state and community college campuses pending the approval from the board of trustees. The move came on the heels of a statewide move to curb binge drinking and consumption by minors, spurred by the two recent deaths at MIT and University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Campuses would still be allowed to designate certain areas on campus as alcohol areas, but drinking would be banned on most parts of college campuses.

Ithaca, N.Y. -- An Ithaca college student was gunned down in a murder-suicide this weekend while she was at home on Fall Break, leaving the college community in shock and mourning. Danielle Beschle, a first-year student was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Benjamin Rush, while the two were parked on a rural road in upstate New York. The two had been going steady since December, according to state investigators, and were in the process of breaking the relationship off when the shooting occurred. Ithaca College students held a vigil in which 120 students attended. The event was organized by friends of Beschle.

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# Campus Safety Notes

compiled by Emily Pannebaker

10/6/97 - Fire/Safety Violation - Henrietta House (Phi Sigma Sigma) - candle
10/6/97 - Theft - Prosser - keys, ID card, Simplex card
10/8/97 - Vandalism - Benfer - glass smashed and chairs smashed into ceiling tiles of computer lab in the front door
10/8/97 - Vandalism - Trexler Library - 5 computer mouse balls and one complete mouse stolen
10/8/97 - Unregistered Guest - 2208 Chew St.
10/8/97 - Harassment - Prosser - student-on-student
10/8/97 - Unfounded Theft - reported theft of painting - was recovered (had been misplaced)
10/8/97 - Vandalism - Walz - smashed fire extinguisher cabinet
10/9/97 - Muhlenberg Parking Codes Violation - Brown/Walz fire lane - damage to grass area
10/9/97 - Maintenance Problem - Trumbower elevator broke down
10/9/97 - Theft - 23rd and Liberty Streets - Domino's Pizza sign
10/10/97 - Theft from vehicle - ML parking lot - Sony AM/FM cassette radio
10/13/97 - Fire Alarm - ML first floor east - dust from vacuum cleaner
10/14/97 - Information - MacGregor Village - 2 glass vases tipped over during Fall Break, continuing investigation
10/15/97 - Fire Alarm - Walz basement - burnt toast
10/15/97 - Theft of Equipment - Trumbower - Physics - 1 saudering iron, 1 volt meter, 5 stop watches
10/16/97 - Suspicious Person Information - CA lawn - 2 Muhlenberg students swam in Muhlenberg lake - it is recommended to not swim in the lake because of its high bacteria level
10/16/97 - Vandalism to vehicle - Memorial Hall parking lot - smashed window
10/16/97 - Vandalism to vehicle - Memorial Hall parking lot - smashed window
10/17/97 - Stolen Vehicle - Memorial Hall parking lot
10/17/97 - Fire Alarm - Hillside House - steam from shower
10/17/97 - Attempted Theft - New Prosser - possible unauthorized entry into a room, things out of place but nothing stolen
10/17/97 - Theft - East Hall - one-seater lounge furniture
10/18/97 - Vandalism to Vehicle - 26th St. - headlight smashed
10/19/97 - Sick Student/Ambulance - Prosser - Kathryn Evans criminally arrested by Allentown Police Dept. for underage consumption of alcohol - referred to Dean's Office
10/19/97 - Theft from vehicle - 26th St. parking lot - Panasonic AM/FM CD player
10/19/97 - Theft - Prosser - handset from cordless telephone
10/19/97 - Harassment - Terroristic Threat - student-on-student - referred to Dean's Office
10/19/97 - Information - Trexler Library - possible missing person - was located
10/19/97 - Fire/Safety Violation - East Hall - incense burning
10/20/97 - Theft - CA - delayed report from 10/7/97 - blue Huffy 18-speed men's bicycle

If anyone notices a suspicious person in a parking lot, please alert Campus Safety. There have been many car thefts in west Allentown.


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# 'Berg students clean up Allentown historical site

by Tiana Shekari
*Weekly* news writer

Members of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical honor society, and the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon spent Saturday morning cleaning up the historical cemetery on 12th and Chew Streets. Allentown Preservation Society is an organization of volunteers committed to restoring and preserving historical sites in Allentown.

AED and TKE volunteered for three hours, picking up garbage, weeding, and trimming trees. Allentown Mayor Heydt also lent a helping hand in picking up garbage. The Mayor also spent some time chatting with the Muhlenberg volunteers.

The members of Alpha Epsilon Delta would like to thank the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon for their time, effort, and energy in helping clean Allentown.

## AIDS Quilt on display in Chapel

by Jara Traina
*Weekly* news writer

In his presentation at Muhlenberg earlier this semester, poet Jay Wright said, "Life is already weaved together, all I do is uncover the weave."

Acknowledging the interconnectedness of all facets of life, he recognizes that the art of weaving is a natural human process. Thus, in uncovering the weave of life we can more fully appreciate it.

From October 20 to October 27, two twelve by twelve feet panels of the AIDS quilt will be on display in the Egner Memorial Chapel. The quilt, an ultimate symbol of unity amongst difference, was adopted by the friends and families of AIDS victims early on in the epidemic as both a memorial to the dead and to increase social awareness of the disease. The panels are all handmaid, and serve as markers of rememberance. The panels also include pictures of the dead, written statements from loved ones, favorite possessions, and life stories. As the panels in the chapel illustrate, the disease does not discriminate; it can affect infants to adults, young and old, male and female.

After the viewing of the National AIDS Quilt on the Mall in Washington, D.C. last fall, pieces of the quilt were sent into the communities of the deceased in order to provide a more widespread presence of those who have died.

Many Muhlenberg students traveled to assist with the Names Project, and it is through the involvement of both the Chapel and Muhlenberg RIBBON Project that sections of the quilt have come to Muhlenberg.

Seeing the need to heighten campus awareness to these issues, Reverend Don King and involved students hoped that the presence of the quilt on campus would increase the attentiveness to the gravity of this issue.

As the literature accompanying the quilt states, "Aids reminds us that all human life is vulnerable," and if anything, pausing to spend five minutes out of your busy day to view the quilt will definitely affirm this belief. The chapel is open from 8 am until 10 pm for viewing.

# Evening College to expand into Easton

***Degree completion program hopes to attract more Jersey residents***

by Ellen Gerber
Weekly Editorial Assistant

Evening College will begin to offer its degree completion program in Easton. This venture, which is believed to be Muhlenberg's first off campus degree program will offer classes on the second floor in the L&D Building Holmes Plaza I at 101 Larry Holmes Drive in Easton.

The expansion of the Evening College into Easton will give numerous Western New Jersey citizens who are looking to complete a baccalaureate program in less than two years a closer site on which to finish their studies. Numerous New Jersey citizens have claimed that Allentown is simply too far to travel.

Dr. Samuel Laposata, Dean of the Evening College explained, "This site offers easy access to students from western New Jersey and all of the Lehigh Valley."

Laposata also mentioned that the site which is located in a building with a Federal Court, Summit Bank and other offices including Binney & Smith, "provides security and plenty of parking."

The program's courses have been designed by Muhlenberg College's faculty in the Accounting, Business and Economics departments. The Evening College offers degrees in 13 majors in addition to Associates of Arts degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Psychology and Religion.

Those who already have earned their Bachelor's degree can pursue a Post Baccalaureate Major . The Society of Human Resource Management, the American Payroll Association, the American Society of Training and Development, and the National Society of Fundraising Executive are also offering a wide range of non-credit professional certificate courses through the Evening College.

According to Laposata, the opening of Muhlenberg's Evening College degree completion program will benefit "Non-traditional students" who need "quality [and] flexible programs,by adding a cohort in Easton, we are providing options and opportunity."

It is expected that the classes provided in Easton will be well-attended due to the overall growth of Muhlenberg's Evening College. Course registrations have increased from 1800 three years ago, to 3000 this year.

Laposata commented that "the Easton site will enable Muhlenberg Evening College to continue that growth and reach non-traditional students that may have had difficulty getting to [the] Allentown campus."

The Easton campus will be opened on November 17.

# Faculty Profile: Dr. Denise Wallack

by Christine Silvestri
*Weekly* news writer

Two years ago, Genetics and Biology Professor Denise Wallack launched her teaching career at Muhlenberg.

Wallack grew up in Old Tappan, New Jersey, always aspiring to be a physician.

While studying at Princeton University, she showed some interest in the humanities and religion. However, she returned to the sciences and received her B.A. in molecular biology and her PhD in microbiology and immunology. Before joining the facultyat Muhlenberg College, she did postdoctoral research at Princeton.

As a teaching assistant in graduate school, Wallack worked to incorporate modern biology into high school science curriculums.

She decided to pursue a future as a professor after her teaching success.

Wallack is extremely happy with her final career choice. "I love the feeling of community between the students and faculty. Everyone is very supportive," she said.

Wallack was married in June, and currently lives with her husband and 50 pound mutt.

**Next Week's Faculty Profile:**
**Dr. Sheryl Welte**
**Education Department**

## Phi Sigma Sigma supports breast cancer awareness and education

"Breast health...it's something most women are afraid to think about. Fear of breast cancer prevents many from doing monthly self-exams or having regular mammograms. But you should know that 80% of breast lumps are NOT cancer. And even if you do develop breast cancer—as one in eight American women will—your chances of being fully cured are excellent, if it is detected early enough."

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 are both LeeJean National Denim Days. Help Phi Sigma Sigma raise awareness by wearing jeans on both these days.

Together we can fight breast cancer and save lives!

# Entertainment



## Consult the Mule.....

## Your Weekly Horoscope

by Jen Zwrin & Sherry Fazio

### Aries

Has anyone ever told you, Aries, what a special person you are?! It's time that you received your long overdue praise...and we're here to do it! Sure, even before we had fall break, you were super-busy, walking around zombie-like, exhausted and fed up with school work, test after test, book after book, but that hasn't stopped you from smiling or taking time-out for a friend in despair. You've always got plenty of time to sit down and put a smile on some one's face, Aries! It takes a big person to be as unselfish and giving as you are, Aries, and you're to be commended for all you've contributed to lately! The thing is Aries, quite frequently you tend to overlook things that you have deadlines for or require a little prioritizing. Let's not forget how important it is to put time aside for ourselves before everyone else and their problems! You're an angel for being generous with your time and energies, but every now and then you've got to take a step back and take time out for you.

### Taurus

Hey there, Taurus, it seems almost as if you've been concentrating on something a wee bit too much lately and it's beginning to effect your school work. You can't sleep, you don't eat, let alone open a book...what gives?! You're beaming smile and glossy eyes completely give away the fact that you have recently entered into a constant state of dreaming. Perhaps you've got someone special on your mind or maybe you're thinking about where you're going for spring break...whatever it may be, we think it's about time you put an end to your preoccupation! Right now is the time to start anew and get your head, because only you know what's going on in there! That mischievous smile and insidious giggle won't fool any of us for much longer. We know that's something going' on in that little head of yours. So, come on, Taurus, it's time to give it up. We're on to you...

### Gemini

OK, Gem, not that we mean to insult you or even anything close to that, but come up for air already! You've had just a little bit too much to say about yourself lately! Well, of course you mean no harm, but honestly, there's a fine line between sharing a story with a friend and giving every single unnecessary detail of your life...and you have not only crossed that line, Gem, but you've become annoying! To put it bluntly, you've been way too self-absorbed and you just might want to start considering everyone else in your life. People do come in and out of our lives every day, but some are here for the duration, so instead of being melodramatic, freaking at the drop of a hat, and forgetting that a friendship takes two people, don't you think setting a little time aside for others is in order right about now?! Sharing your stories with your friends is a good way to help them, but just put a sock in it already and try something new...let somebody else get a word or two in! You do have good things to add, and that's why you are so willing to spill your guts and offer advice, but if you keep babbling away, people may conveniently forget to listen.

### Cancer

Well, Cancer, it looks like once again you're back to your usual chipper self, spreading smiles all across campus! Even though you've been super busy with classes - nothing can stop you from giving, giving, giving to all of your friends in need. With all of this concern for your friends, you're beginning to neglect yourself and sooner or later, you're gonna get just plain and tired out if you don't sot back and breath in the fresh autumn air every now and then. Of, course, being the generous person you are, you find it nearly impossible to think of yourself first, or even at all. However, Cancer, we're here to remind you of a thing or two. Keep in mind that you're no good to anyone unless you take some time out for yourself first. also, Cancer, of course, it's great to be caring and concerned with all of your friends, but just consider all that you're giving and getting in return...do they balance each other out?! If you're taking time out of your hectic schedule for everyone else, be sure you're happy with what you're getting in return.

### Leo

Well, looks like you've finally stepped foot outdoors and decided to say good-bye to the dark, Leo. We commend you on your decision, considering we were all beginning to wonder if you still went to this school. You've been in hiding for what seems t o be nearly the entire semester...are you nocturnal or something, Leo?! You've done a complete 360, going from social butterfly to leper within a matter of weeks and your missing all the beautiful colors of fall! Feel too busy to socialize?! Well, Leo, this is college and you have to balance your academics and your fun. You're not the only one who's been busy studying for exams...we're all in the same boat. You're lucky, though, Leo, you've got all of these people around that care about you...you're still leaving everyone out in the cold though, wondering what's going on with your sudden game of hide and seek. When you're ready, we're sure you'll come around but in the mean time, remember that your friends will be keep on counting until you come out!!

### Virgo

Hey Virgo...What's that mischievous naughty look in your eye all about? What have you been doing lately? You thought that nobody knew what you were up to...but you just seem to ever so conveniently forget about what a small school this really is. Really now, Virgo, remember to always be aware of what you say and who you say it to because you never know who is friends with who or who has a hobby of twisting and tangling innocent words. Even though it isn't a pretty picture to imagine-it is a fact of life and we wouldn't want to see anything get past you just because you're such an honest person who always gives people the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes life just isn't fair and the nice people get caught in the crossfire, but we just wanted to remind you to remember what you say and where you say it because living in the place that we do, you never know where it might creep up on you again.

### Libra

Hey Libra, cat got your tongue?! Is there reason you've suddenly gone from the gossiper to Mr./Ms. Quiet lately? You just aren't your usual self anymore. Usually, you just can't wait to spill the beans on the latest news on campus, who's with whom, or what so-and-so got on an exam, but something lately just isn't the same about you. . .perhaps you've retired your gift of gab and are intending to give something else a try. . .what's your latest interest?? Whatever it is, consider the fact that people are starting to appreciate what it is you've been doing lately. . . you've been keeping others' secrets to yourself, which in the past, you know has been quite a task for you, Libra! Some things, as you've just begun to realize, are not worth sharing or risking a friendship over and there are certain things that aren't meant for all ears. This sudden transformation has made even you take notice of how much more people are willing to trust you.

### Scorpio

OK, listen up here Scorp! We surely don't mean to offend you but we know you're tough and be able to take this. . .you've been walking around campus with quite the chip on your shoulder. What is up with this little act of being too good to say hi to people? What's with you lately? It's like you're trying to climb the corporate ladder and you don't even have a job yet. Familiar with the saying, "You'll pass the same people on the way up that you'll see on the way down?!" Well, as irrelevant as you might think it is, Scorp, it's time someone put it into terms you can understand. . . no one likes a person on a power trip, solely concerned with him or herself! Of course, it's nice to be well known around campus, but let's remember that you'll end up hurting those who once met the most to you in the process. Come on Scorp, nobody enjoys hanging around someone who is only concerned with finding the more popular place to be, so instead of thinking of yourself non-stop, maybe you should take a look at everyone around you and consider who you gave up to get where you are now.

### Sagittarius

Boy, it sure looks like you've been running around non-stop lately, huh, Sag?! Well, surprise, surprise, eh?! That's exactly what college is all about, so don't go giving yourself a medal just yet. However lets look at the other aspects of your life. . . you've been spending time with a friend in need and you do indeed get props for that! Go on and pat yourself on the back for that, Sag! You've put your hectic schedule on hold so that you could be there for someone dear to you and that takes a great, dedicated friend to do. Keep in mind however that when you put your deadlines on hold, they catch up to you even sooner than expected. . . so, you know that presentation you've got coming up in a few weeks?! Well, before you know it, it's gonna be here! Believe it or not, it's already halfway through the semester and it seems like you're having a little struggle actually buckling down and getting to work. Of course, you should use this 'helping a friend' bit as a cover-up but why?! You've just got to catch up on all of the work sooner or later. . .so instead of pushing aside all you have to do, you'd better hide that nose of yours in the book!

### Capricorn

Well, well, well Cap, looks as if you just got a makeover and wow! You look good! It took a few days off at fall break to get your act together, but as you promised yourself a while ago, you've finally done it! You're back on track, thinking with a clear head, and ready for the rest of the hectic semester. So why are you suddenly starting to question your new and improved outlook and attitude?! Come on, Cap, you know better than that. . . of course, it took you quite some time to actually realize that a little self-help was necessary but you've done it and made it through with flying colors! Go you! So instead of wondering why exactly you've tried to improve yourself, focus on the fact that we're adults now and the real world never gives a chance to improve. . . so consider yourself lucky, Cap! You've got a great start to a head on your shoulders and you're ready for the rest of the semester, so stick to your new ideals and follow through on all you set out to do.

### Aquarius

Well, Aquarius looks like once again you've got some sort of trouble to contend with. It's almost as if you actually enjoy getting yourself into sticky situations since it adds spice and keeps your life interesting. Come on already, Aquarius, don't you think it's time you move on to bigger and better things!? You're at college now and you've got very little time, in case you haven't noticed, to always be in some state of constant chaos. It's time that you grab hold of what your goals are and instead of finding every way out of actually doing them, why not change course and accomplish a few?! This 'trying to cause trouble' thing just doesn't do you justice. . .since you have been so anxious about creating mischief?! Aquarius, we'd really advise against stirring up the campus just to see how far you can take things. . . .you could go too far and there's no coming back. . . .

### Pisces

Well, Pisces, looks to us as if someone had really gotten under your skin . . . and you just can't seem to get him or her off your mind. The thing is, Pisces, there's no reason to act like you don't care because we all know you do and your constant "whatever" attitude isn't fooling anyone. You do indeed care and that's exactly why this person you've had on your mind recently just won't go away. You know, Pisces, you shouldn't get embarrassed or upset when you hear things through the grapevine. . . instead of believing everything you hear though, why not do some investigative reporting for yourself?! You've always been able to take the initiative and find things out for yourself and you're also very good at taking things as they come to you and not blowing it all out of proportion. Instead of just sitting back and letting things happen, sometimes you have to take charge and put your two cents in. . . and we know you don't have laryngitis, so what are you waiting for?!

# Bobby Collins performs to packed house

**by Brian Teta**
**Entertainment Editor**

Last Saturday saw the Red Door Cafe host to a MAC sponsored 80's night.

However many more people got a more first hand look at an 80's relic on Thursday night in the form of comic Bobby Collins.

The former VH-1 Stand Up Spotlight host performed in front of a huge and receptive crowd of Mule students in Memorial Hall.

Combining both crude physical and dry observational humor, Collins entertained the unusually mixed crowd of under and upper classmen for over an hour.

The show's highlights came when Collins drew on his personal experiences.

Jokes about his children and his childhood friends garnered the biggest laughs from what was an extremely enthusiastic audience.

Combining pieces of Jerry Seinfeld and Jim Carrey, Collins took the audi-

ence into his world of comedic observations and the crowd loved it.

Afterwards he signed autographs and talked with some of his fans. "I really thought he was funny, but he did pretty much the same act the first time I saw him freshman year.", said Senior Michael Frankel.

In fact recycled jokes were the biggest problem with Collins' set.

Having not enjoyed as much success as his VH-1 Stand Up Spotlight contemporary Rosie O'Donnell, many wondered what Collins has been doing with his time.

He obviously has not been writing new material. Collins closed with what was potentially a very funny bit about feeding his dog salsa.

Unfortunetly since the same joke had been shown continuosly on the Muhlenberg television station and played in Seegers Union for a week, the bit lacked some punch.

Still, overall Collins left his audience statisfied proving you can have a good time on a Thursday night and still wake up for your 9:00 class on Friday.

**Rocket Man**
**Disney**
**Movie Review by John Saverino**

"Rocket Man," starring Harland Williams as the computer genius who saves NASA's mission to Mars by replacing an injured astronaut, is anything but funny.

Essentially, viewing this film is the cinematic equilavent of watching the effects of a caffeine overdose on already hyperactive third-graders.

The scene where Williams paints his face with astronaut food to alleviate his boredom illustrates my point perfectly. No one over eight would do this, or even find it amusing, even if he hadn't fallen to sleep in the 6 months that it takes to reach Mars.

After the agony of watching 90 minutes of such antics, I have come to the conclusion that it should have been directly released to video.

To put it mildly, Rocket Man failed to take off.

# The seekers of the supernatural prove to be mildly scary

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Anyone who knows me remotely well at all knows this: I do not scare easily.

Which doesn't mean I've lived in a bubble for all of my life—anyone who knows me is also painfully aware of that fact. I've had many frightening encounters in my 19 years—the experience with the Warrens in the chapel this past Tuesday did not constitute as one of these.

I expected to be biting my nails, and sinking into the pew...I suppose what I really wanted was, well, to be hypnotized with fear.

Unfortunately, opportunities like that are few and far between.

The Warrens just did not do it for me.

I wanted to like them, to believe them, and to be taken aback by their stories. Maybe I'm just too much of a skeptic.

The presentation began with video clips, basically outlining what would be covered in the next two hours. Lorraine Warren then spoke, followed by about a half hour of more video clips, discussing their findings more specifically.

These are the things I learned: ghosts can physically harm you, exorcisims really do occur, and there are a lot of ghosts in Conneticut.

Then Ed Warren spoke, telling us about his slides. They were supposedly of ghosts, but they just looked like water damaged pictures to me.

The presentation closed with the Warrens playing the taped voices of real demons. Many people got up and left before they were played. I hoped they would put the fear of God in me, so I stayed. The Warrens built this recording up to be phenominally shocking.

Well, I have to say that the demon voices weren't all that different from certain voices I speak in while I'm feeling silly. What this says about me, I don't care to speculate.

After the Warrens felt that we had heard enough, the lights were turned on, and they invited questions from the audience.

The Warrens obviously affected many audience members, who left looking a little wider-eyed than previously. Others felt the same as I, cracking jokes upon leaving the crowded chapel.

Essentially, the Warrens have lead an amazingly interesting life chasing ghosts and performing exorcisms.

And I truly believe that they have helped people who think that they are being troubled by spirits. I simply don't buy into it.

Editor's Note: Jillian Lovejoy disappeared late Tuesday night, apparently pulled out of her bed by an invisible force.
She was last seen at 3am being dragged to the park behind Benfer, where she resided. Anyone aware of her current whereabouts, please contact the Weekly.


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# Mule concert-goers take a trip back to the late sixties

## *'Berg staple Dave Binder returns for a Red Door concert*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

The Red Door Cafe was packed last Friday night, due to the MAC-sponsored concert by Dave Binder.

Binder's concerts are something of a Muhlenberg tradition, and his annual Valentine's Day concerts are always one of the most eagerly anticipated and best attended events of the year.

There was standing room only for most of the show, which brought out a wide array of students.

Binder, whose voice sounds remarkably like James Taylor's, played mostly classic rock from the late 1960's to the early 1970's.

Binder played a variety of different songs from that genre, touching upon the works of Elton John, Simon and Garfunkel, David Bowie, and of course, James Taylor.

There were points in the show when students were actually standing up and dancing, and all throughout people were alternately singing or swaying.

Binder's performance was well-received. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the music. His long, occasionally tedious segues, on the other hand, seemed to wear thin on many audience members. During these times, Binder tended to ramble a little too long.

Nevertheless, Binder's musical talent made up for this small annoyance.

"I was really glad that I went to see Dave Binder last weekend. It was a great alternative to going to the frats, and he played music that everyone can appreciate. I wish that there were events like that more often," said one junior.

Towards the end of the performance, Binder spoofed the overplayed songs "How Bizzare" and "The Freshman," sending students into hysterics.

"Dave Binder put on a really good show—I loved the music and he related well to the students, telling jokes and just talking.

Sometimes he went on for longer than was necessary, but it made the next song sound even better," said one sophmore.

All in all, students received Dave Binder well.

After all, who can argue with listening to good music in a mellow environment while among good friends.

The evening turned around what would have otherwise been a relatively miserable Friday night.

Binder's concert proved to be a much needed, enjoyable and different weekend entertainment option for Muhlenberg students.

This concert was a shining example of the work that MAC is capable of doing. Many look forward to the possibility of seeing Binder return later this year.


NOTICE

## You are Wanted by the Law

Participate in the Muhlenberg College Law Day
Date: October 30, 1997
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Center for the Arts (Main Lobby)

Approximately 10-15 Law School Admissions Representatives will be on Muhlenberg's campus on October 30. Mark your calendars:

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|---|---|
| Rutgers School of Law-Camden | Rutgers School of Law-Newark |
| Syracuse University Law School | Univ. Of Maryland School of Law |
| Temple University Law School | Seton Hall Law School |
| Villanova Law School | Widener Law School |
| Suffolk Law School | Roger Williams Univ. School of Law |
| Dickinson Law School | Western New England Law School |

Campus Contact: Dr. Alton Slane, Prelaw Adviser, ext. 3443

# Radiohead's brilliant *OK Computer* defies description

**Radio Head**
**OK Computer**
**CD Review by David G. Boelker**

When I finally decided to write a review for Radiohead's "OK Computer," I balked because of how difficult I thought it would be to describe such an album. I had heard and read all the positive reviews and had heard from others how wonderful the album was.

I thought, "Sure, it's easy to just say that it's great, but how hard will it be to actually describe it?" I put my time in on this one. It is an album that is not easily pinned down.

Radiohead had seen mediocre success with their first album, "Pablo Honey," due particularly to their hit "Creep," an energetically sullen tune that always sticks in my mind when I hear the name of the album.

Their next present to the musical community was "The Bends." This album rose slowly in popularity until the release of their single, "Fake Plastic Trees." After that, it took off, and for good reason, word of mouth.

"Fake Plastic Trees" isn't a song that is catchy enough to facilitate all the preteens to rush out to the record store with their parent's money, but it did have some following. The rest of the album speaks for itself. If you haven't heard the album speak, listen to all the reviews, but more importantly, the comments made about it by Radiohead's peers, not the reviewers or company executives, but members of different bands. I foresee this band being named as an influence to future performers. This is how solid the record is.

With the success of "The Bends," it seemed logical that Radiohead should produce a similar follow-up album. They really didn't. As unique as the band is on their own, they have produced a similarly unique album in "OK Computer."

Radiohead doesn't follow any conventions. There's the first stumbling block for me. Reviewing a ska album or any other band that can be categorized is simple. As wonderful as unconventionality is in any form of art, for it always attracts attention for this reason, it presents a problem when it comes to analyze something so far from the norm.

OK Computer. OK, what can I say? Part symphony, part rock concert and part sound effects display, it is a convergence of all these and many other phenomenon. These guys are artists, albeit abstract, but "OK Computer" shows this artistry. It is an epic of sound, a journey into noise and a return to the unreality of society and the reality of existence. Now, maybe I can get some royalties from their tour.

Now that I have had some time to fully absorb the many fluctuations and turns the album takes, I can relay to you these orchestrations. "Airbag" comes on as the first track and warms up the listener to the Radiohead contrast of music and vocals. It is somewhat fast in comparison with the slow, flowing vocals of Thom Yorke.

Then comes the great oddity that is "Paranoid Android." This song doesn't have a chorus, but it does have some parts of beautifully intrusive guitar cuts. It is a mix of all that is sublime and aggressive. It echoes the ins and outs of existence with a highlight on the severity of living.

"Subterranean Homesick Alien" resounds with complacent indifference and painful contentedness. This all comes amid the narrative voice's disturbed hope for escape from this complacency.

"Exit Music (For A Film)" has stoic subtlety in vocals and slow painless music, but then comes the more austere lyrics and background effects.

It is a tune that fits its title of sentimental exodus. It is an ending. I believe that it would fit well at the end of the album, but I guess that would be too conventional for these guys.

"Let Down" is a song with more pleasing tones despite the distressing subject matter of exclusion and vanquished purpose. "Karma Police." You try to figure it out. I really can't. I apologize. But holding music and tones above lyrics and subject as I, you will agree it is a beautifully woven tapestry of moodiness and regretful sounds.

"Fitter Happier" is a spoken-word piece. It is interesting how Radiohead downplays the significance of this track by writing the title in smaller print and placing it next to instead of under (as the titles are vertically arranged) "Karma Police" on the back cover art. This may be a more comprehensive sequel to "Karma Police." No matter, considering its mood of the rejection of the societal mean of behavior, it is now my favorite post-modern poem.

The only song that I can't say I love is "Electioneering." The music is too plain. It seems that I have heard it before. Nevertheless, Yorke's treatment of the lyrics is captivating and partly makes up for the commonplace music.

Deep, echoing tones resonate in "Climbing up the Walls," both in vocals and music. It is a gracefully agonizing and militant piece of torture and threat. "No Surprises" starts off like a children's song, continues in this manner only to finish like a precocious child's song of longing for the simple things in life. Simple vocals and familiar musical repetitions make this song.

Finding what is considered good by society and rejecting these things amid the pain of tragedy is "Lucky," a song of hopeless optimism. Good guitar and bass ladders in this one redeem it from the gloominess that is usual from Radiohead.

I take it back that "Exit music (For A Film)" should be at the end of this album. "The Tourist," which *is* at the end, is better fitting. It leaves the listener with a sullenly content feeling as if one had just experienced the feeling and emotion of the album, not that they had just heard it.

Only time will tell where this album places among the great albums of the musical realm.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

**Thursday, October 23**
Choice Week

**Friday, October 24**
Choice Week
9pm - RHA Coffeehouse House - Underground
9pm - MAC Movie "Batman and Robin" - Red Door Cafe
10pm - 2am SPE Non-Alcoholic Dance party
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Saturday, October 25**
Choice Week
1pm - Field Hockey vs Dickinson
2pm - Men's Soccer vs Washington (MD)
9pm - MAC Movie "Batman and Robin" - Red Door Cafe
11 - 2 BSA Halloween Party - Red Door Cafe
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Sunday, October 26**
Choice Week
Standard Time returns (set back an hour)
4pm - Muhlenberg College Choir - Chapel
5pm - MAC Movie "Batman and Robin" - Red Door Cafe

**Monday, October 27**
5pm - MAC Movie "Michael" - Red Door Cafe
9pm - Monday Night Football - Green Bay at New England
Red Door Cafe - 15 cent wings
Drawing for $20 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
(Be there before kick-off and in the 3rd quarter)

**Tuesday, October 28**
Deadline for course withdraw with a "W"
3pm - W Soccer vs Swarthmore
5pm - MAC Movie "Michael" - Red Door Cafe

**Wednesday, October 29**
5pm - MAC Movie "Scream" - Red Door Cafe

**Don't forget**
**FAMILY WEEKEND October 31 - November 2**

# Letters to the Editor

## Dean Ehrenberg Details Muhlenberg's Defeat

To the Muhlenberg Students and the Muhlenberg Community-

It is my sad duty to report that Allentown City Council passed an Ordinance (the Student Overlay Ordinance) last week that limits housing options for students in the area adjacent to the campus. As you recall, the Ordinance was defeated in September, only to be re-introduced in the month of October.

We strenuously objected to this Ordinance with all the resources at our disposal. You helped us in many important ways. However, both the Judge who heard our request for an injunction and City Council rejected our arguments.

The ordinance limits the options of students who live in certain properties adjacent to the campus to no more than two students. The Ordinance does not impact College MILE houses or absentee landlord owned properties currently leased to students. While the near term impact of the Ordinance will be minimal, we must develop long-term strategies to preserve the College's best interests. And we are doing just that.

We are law-abiding citizens and we will obey the law. Nonetheless, we continue to view the Ordinance as discriminatory and unconstitutional. Accordingly, we will exercise our options at the proper time.

President Taylor and his management team thank everyone who wrote letters, spoke up and showed their support of the College's position and students' rights. It is important to remember that we fought a good fight. We must now focus all our energy and attention on making Muhlenberg College a better place today and in the future. I urge your continued support in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rudy Ehrenberg
Dean of Students

## Editor-in-Chief Thanks O.I.T

To the Muhlenberg Community:

After three months of developing possibilities for new computers, *The Muhlenberg Weekly* and Office of Information Technology have completed the addition of new computers to the *Weekly* office. Toward the end of last year, the staff felt that new computers were needed to help with the layout of the newspaper.

I would like to thank the Office of Information Technology for selecting, installing and working out the kinks of these computers. I would like to especially thank Harry Miller and Doyle Smith who sat through countless meetings with me discussing the possibilities under the parameters of our budget.

The new computers have a more advanced layout system through Pagemaker 6.5 and Internet access, which we did not have before. These two features have already improved after the first issue under the new computers.

Again, thanks to the Office of Information Technology for their past and future support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Carney, Jr.

***Write for us!!! If you have opinions about anything including having opinions, give us a call @ x3187.***

# Editor Issues Letter to Muhlenberg's Neighbors

An open letter to our neighbors-

Well, you won. At least for now. You get your "utopian" society, free from student invasion. We all know that students are the root of all that is wrong with society. All that is wrong with the neighborhood relates to students. After all, that noise is just too much to bear. Peace is restored.

Now the students will go about their business restricted to the one-mile rectangle that is our campus. We will continue to educate your children through the Jefferson project. Our fraternities and sororities will continue to serve Habitat for Humanity and feed the homeless. Spanish majors will still teach English to Allentown citizens who are trying to learn the language. As Lauren Ravit pointed out at one of the "meetings", we are a vital link in this community. We will serve the community even though we are not fit to live in it as a group. These projects are meaningful to the community and to us, and it would be a shame for these programs to cease. They will continue, and students will still make important contributions to the Lehigh Valley.

It's funny, but I could have sworn I saw a member of the community walking through the campus on a particularly pleasant fall afternoon. I know I wasn't seeing things when I noticed some of our neighbors playing tennis on the college's courts. The other evening a few local neighbors were even spotted in our fine library. We as a college community would not consider restricting our facilities to two neighbors at a time. We are above that sort of petty and immature discrimination. It is a shame we have to endure such a policy, but it is now out of our control.

Muhlenberg as an institution will continue to pump millions of dollars into the local economy. The staff and employees will continue to maintain the grounds and keep the neighborhood one of the most beautiful college neighborhoods anywhere. We care about the community and would hate to see it succumb to the same fate of many other Allentown neighborhoods. I don't think you would enjoy this either.

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

One of your own objected to the Ordinance at an earlier meeting. He said that for a college town, this one was pretty lame. He had lived in many college towns throughout his life, and did not find Muhlenberg to be particularly obnoxious or out of hand.

As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, a time for looking forward as well as being proud of our history, we are faced with a situation that could potentially damage our institution. This will not defeat us. Rest assured we will rise above this minor hitch.

Most of the education a student receives at college is out of the classroom. We learn how to live with forty people our freshman year. We learn to tolerate differences between each other, and learn to work together to solve problems. We would have been more than willing to work together with the neighbors as well. It's pretty amazing what students are capable of sometimes. Finallly, we learn to live on our own. An important part of this is living in an apartment or house situation. Living in our MILE houses can be invaluable to students. They prepare us for living on our own in the "real world". Since these houses are within a community, students are afforded the opportunity to interact with neighbors. If you give us a chance, you may be surprised that we can be pretty cool neighbors. It doesn't seem like this is possible though. We just aren't welcome among you.

Enjoy the fine arts we will bring to the community through our Theatre and Arts departments. Keep using facilities we provide the community. Enjoy the added security of our campus safety patrolling your neighborhoods. Most imortantly, don't forget to say hello to us. Unfortunately, the only place we will be seeing you is on our campus. We just aren't fit to exist anywhere else.

# Columnist Forecasts Future Campus Changes

The Bernheim House is gone. It was the house that stood next to the Center for the Arts before fall break and now it is a pile of rubble. First ZBT and now this. The destruction of Bernheim was needed to expand the C.A. In a news conference, President Arthur Taylor announced several other projects that will be taking place in the near future on our campus.*

June 1998 - East Hall will be torn down. A wildlife refuge for all of those squirrels will be built in its place and will be named "The Nut Hut".

September 1998 - The chapel will be destroyed. In the ultimate form of political correctness, a "house" will be built in its place where every race, creed, religion, sex, sexual preference, and illegal alien from Mexico can feel welcome.

Christmas 1998 - In an attempt to save the planet, Christmas lights will be replaced with biodegradeable cardboard and Arthur Taylor will give his wife the same gift he gave her last year.

April 1999 - ATO, TKE, SPE, and AEPi will all be demolished and replaced with sand volleyball courts. #1 Intramural sport? Sand Volleyball. #1 Major? Sand Volleyball, with a minor in Net Maintenance. Dean of Students? Karch Kiraly.

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

October 1999 - Trumbower, Haas, and the library are knocked down to expand the C.A. again. The football team will practice in there when it rains, and the Rolling Stones, with wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, and Keith Richards' tracheotomy, would perform in the 45,000 seat auditorium.

* The following projects are just estimates by this author. Besides, everyone knows that nothing will be changed until the 40-foot statue of Rudy Ehrenberg has been erected in Parents' Plaza.

**Look for the return of *Worlds Apart*, and a new Subbio Cartoon next week.**

STAN the MYLE
by: Christian Suppio
Choice Week
What's the deal with this "Choice Week" thing?
The College wants to stress the importance of using alcohol responsibly.
Choice Week
They're asking the students to make the choice not to drink this weekend. That's why it's called "Choice Week."
Wow. The college is asking us to make that choice? I like the fact that they're treating us like adults. Exactly how do they give us this "choice" whether to drink or not?
By making the entire campus totally dry.
Some choice!
I think I'll choose to go home this weekend.
Looking for a ride home to Philly. Emergency! Call Frank me
Need a ride home to ME this weekend
TAKE ME HOME! PLEASE! Lisa 4620
Going to Lehigh? CALL Anette
Choice Week
NEED A RIDE! Help!
Looking for ride to NY. Call Dinah. Bobbi's Friend, No?

## *****Muhlenberg College***** Registration System for Spring 1998

**Pick up Registration Packets on** Tuesday, October 28 in the following locations:

Majors: Major One Department Office
Class of 2000: Faculty Advisor's Office
Class of 2001: First Year Advisor's Office

It is essential that you make an appointment with your advisor at the time you pick up your packet.

**The System for Registration** is designed to be accommodating of student needs. There is a time allotted for each class to register and to resolve scheduling problems before the next class registers. Advising is done in faculty offices before, during, and after registration. Please read the following instructions carefully.

**Registration by Alphabetical Groupings**
You will register by class and in assigned groups. Each class is divided into groups determined by the letter of the alphabet (student's last name). You may register anytime during the assigned time and thereafter. The groupings rotate in future registrations.

**Location for Registration:** Office of the Registrar, Haas College Center (Ground Level)

**Changes in Registration-All Classes**
You may make changes in your registration anytime after the initial registration by consulting your advisor and processing a special drop/add form. It is in your best interest to submit this form to the Office of the Registrar for processing before the next class registers.
**Note:** Any student reported by a professor to be absent from class because of registration will be assigned to the last group in the next registration (April or Fall). We anticipate that student needs will be met in registration.

**Evening College Non-Degree Candidates Registration Begins:** Monday, December 1.
**Senior Scholars Registration:** Monday, January 5 and Tuesday, January 6.

**Calendar for Registration &Time Assigned to Groups**
Tuesday, October 28- Schedule an appointment with your advisor at the time you pick up your registration packet.

**CLASS OF '98 ADVISING PERIOD:** Tuesday, October 28 thru Monday, November 3
**CLASS OF '98 REGISTERS:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesday, November 4 | 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. | Group 1 | "L" thru "R" |
| | 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 2 | "S" thru "Z" |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. | Group 3 | "A" thru "E" |
| | 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Group 4 | "F" thru "K" |

**CLASS OF '99 ADVISING PERIOD:** Tuesday, October 28 thru Wednesday, November 5
**CLASS OF '99 REGISTERS:**

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| Thursday, November 6 | 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. | Group 1 | "A" thru "E" |
| | 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 2 | "F" thru "K" |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. | Group 3 | "L" thru "R" |
| | 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Group 4 | "S" thru "Z" |

**CLASS OF 2000 ADVISING PERIOD:** Friday, November 7 thru Tuesday, November 11
**CLASS OF 2000 REGISTERS:**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday, November 12 | 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. | Group 1 | "P" thru "So" |
| | 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 2 | "Sp" thru "Z" |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. | Group 3 | "A" thru "D" |
| | 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Group 4 | "E" thru "G" |
| Thursday, November 13 | 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. | Group 5 | "H" thru "L" |
| | 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 6 | "M" thru "O" |

**CLASS OF 2001 ADVISING PERIOD:** Friday, November 14 thru Wednesday, November 19
**CLASS OF 2001 REGISTERS:**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday, November 20 | 8:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 1 | "A" thru "F" |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Group 2 | "G" thru "L" |
| Friday, November 21 | 8:30 A.M. to 12 Noon | Group 3 | "M" thru "Sa" |
| | 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Group 4 | "Sb" thru "Z" |

# Profile of a Mule: Sean Topping

## A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* columnist

The are many ingredients to a successful team, ranging from star players, a good coach, a strong bench, and players who know their roles. Muhlenberg's Soccer team has these characteristics, which is why they have been so successful over the past several seasons; including a run to the NCAA Final Four two years ago.

One player who has played out his role year in and year out, and has done more than what was asked or expected is Sean Topping.

Sean, a senior captain for the Mule squad, hails from nearby Nazareth, Pennsylvania; where he began playing the game of soccer about 15 years ago. He attended Nazareth High School, where he played in a successful program.

"We were a decent team, but the rest of the league was not that good," Topping said. This is just a case of him being humble about his own successes.

After graduation, Sean was recruited to play here at Muhlenberg College by Head Coach Jeff Tipping.

"I was being recruited to play here. The soccer was the main reason I came here. Plus, it is close to home so my parents can come to the games."

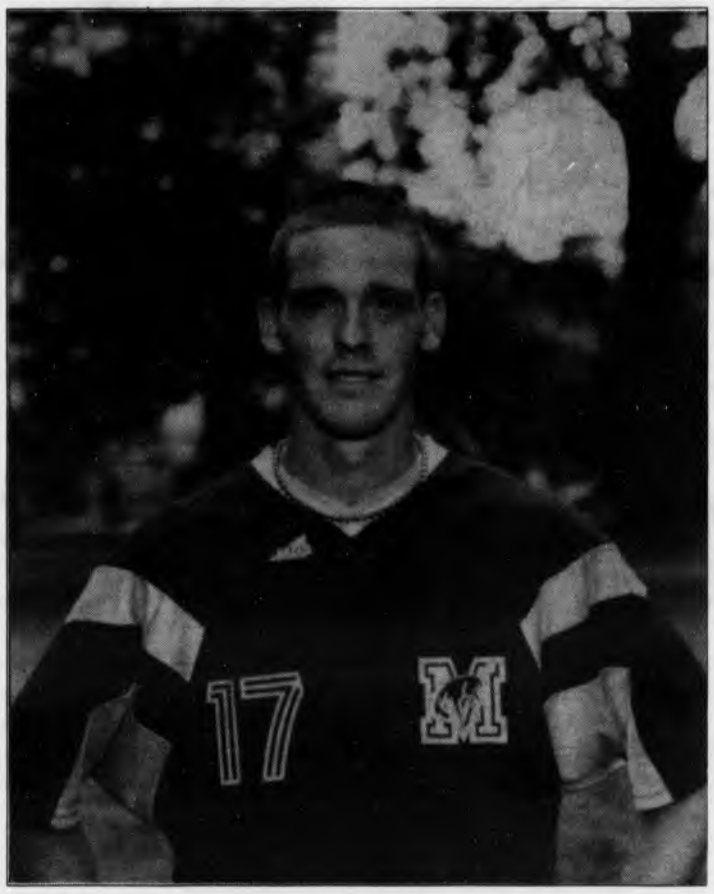
Just like anything new, there was an adjustment period for Sean on the field here at Muhlenberg.

"Soccer at the college level was much faster than in high school, as well as tougher and more physical. The skill is at a much higher level. But the big difference is that the playing time is down. You go from being a star to waiting your turn," said Topping.

Two years ago was a memorable time in Sean's career, as well as in the soccer program here. After a great regular season, Muhlenberg continued its winning ways in the play-offs.

"That year was real cool. We hosted the quarter-finals here and it was a great feeling to win in front of our crowd."

Winning the quarter-finals meant that Muhlenberg was off to the Final Four. Unfortunately, Sean got hurt in the game against Messiah and was unable to play in the Final Four games. He did travel and was able to experience the entire affair.



"It was a great time. They had a dinner for us and all the other teams before the games. It was a great experience," Topping said.

The great year ended on a sour note; they lost in a shoot-out in the semi-final game.

This year Sean is having a career year. So far he has tallied up four goals and four assists, both career highs, in leading the Mules to another shot at the Final Four. Even though he has raised his play in the scoring department, he is not called on to do so. His role is to be the same consistent, determined player he has always been.

Sean is one of those players who play for the good of the team, not for personal statistics. As he puts it, "My will to win comes through."

More athletes need to take a lesson from Sean's unselfishness and will to win. Come support Sean and the rest of the Mules as they take to some unfinished business from two years ago.

# Cross country teams continue to finish strong as NCAA championships approach

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* sports writer

As the weather turns cold, as the leaves fall from the trees, as the summer quickly fades away, the racing continues for the men's and women's varsity Cross-Country teams. The two months and countless miles pile up behind them as both teams continue to draw ever closer to November's NCAA championships, continuing to prove that as the colors of the leaves change, the colors of success are Cardinal Red and Gray.

After a rare week off for Homecoming, the Muhlenberg Harriers were back in competition at the ultra-large, ultra-tough Dickinson Invitational. Of the hundreds of runners on both the mens and women's sides, Muhlenberg finished strong, the men coming in 20th of 39 teams, while the women placed 18th of 37. The next week, Saturday, October 18th, found the Mules at nearby Allentown College in another well-contested meet.

The men finished 14th of 30 teams, and the women claimed 16th of 33, once again proving their superiority over local rivals such as Allentown College and Scranton University, and defeating regional rivals New York University, Franklin and Marshall, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"The Allentown meet was brilliant, " said a joyous Head Coach Linda Andrews. "It was a tough field [of runners], a tough course, and both our men's and women's teams finished in the top half. We're running well."

At Dickinson, the men were lead by sophomore Bill McElroy who took 46th place overall (27:56), followed by senior James Batzel (70th, 28:26), senior and Co-Captain Peter Dunlaevy (109th, 29:16), senior and Co-Captain Josh McHale (147th, 30:01), senior Samir Pandya (201st, 31:53), freshman Chris Catalano (216th, 33:37), and senior Frank Scholes III (219th, 34:06).

Reed Richards, also a sophomore, won Runner of the Week honors for running a season best time.

Elissa Murphy, a sophomore, again set the pace for the Muhlenberg women (45th, 20:40), ahead of freshman Laura Roth (66th, 21:08), sophomore Cindy Bredefeld (90th, 21:27), junior Katy duFosse (121st, 22:11), sophomore Lauren Weisenberger (145th, 22:45), freshman Lynn Garzella (148th, 22:49), and junior Jackie Miners (177th, 23:44).

Katy duFosse, who also ran her best race of the season, was named Runner of the Week.

At Allentown College, McElroy lead the men's varsity for the 4th straight week and for the 5th time in the season's six races. McElroy placed 37th overall, with a time of 27:57.

Batzel again finished 2nd for the Mules, 61st overall (28:27), followed quickly by sophomore Sean Daubert (63rd, 28:29), and then Co-Captains McHale (117, 29:44.4) and Dunlaevy (118, 29:44.9).

Senior Neal Sheridan was next at 30:24 (142nd), ahead of senior Samir Pandya (179, 32:54).

Frank Scholes III, a senior, was Runner of the Week. Scholes shaved over one-minute and forty seconds off the time for his last race.

Elissa Murphy led the women to another strong finish. Murphy finished 67th overall in 20:46, just ahead of freshman Laura Roth (71st, 20:52).

Sophomore Lauren Weisenberger was next for the 'Berg (110, 21:46), followed by junior Katy duFosse (119, 22:00), freshman Lynn Garzella (125, 22:14), sophomore Cindy Bredefeld (152, 22:56), and junior Jackie Miners (170, 23:40).

Katy duFosse was named Runner of the Week again, as she topped her wonderful performance of the previous week with an even better time. The Mules' next match is Saturday against Delaware Valley.

# Soccer team beats Western Maryland

## *Mules now ranked second in the region, and 14th nationally*

**by Tracey McGee**
**News Editor**

The men's soccer team traveled to Western Maryland last Saturday, confident that they would add another win to their repetoire.

After defeating the Green Terror 5-0 last season, the Mules expected an easy victory.

Unfortunately for 'Berg, Western Maryland was ready for their attack.

The Green Terror did not pose a substanial offensive threat, instead they defended the goal well and tried to capatalize on counter attacks. Western Maryland did just that halfway into the first half when they scored from 25 yards away, on their first shot of the game. Muhlenberg, on the other hand, had 20 shots on goal at halftime as they looked to recoup from a 1-0 deficit.

The men played a patient second half, were persisitent and found the holes in the defense effectively.

Senior Todd Ervin scored on a cross from Shane Topping to tie the game. Muhlenberg continued to control the tempo of the game well into the second half. With only 8:02 remaining in the game, Ervin scored again on a pass from freshman Dave Paxson, who recorded his first career point.

Both Paxson and junior Dave Vivino proved to be valuable substitutions in the victory.

Overall, 'Berg's control was most noticeable in considering the shots on goal. Muhlenberg took 30 shots, while the Green Terror took only 2 shots. It was a spectacular game for Ervin as he moved into the all-time top 10 scoring list, recording 74 career points.

It was a great win for the Mules as they reached double digits in wins for the 12th straight season. The team is currently ranked second in the region, trailing Messiah, who defeated 'Berg 1-0 on October 15.

The men face nationally ranked Rowan on Wednesday, October 22. The last two weeks of the season are crucial as they hope to receive an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

**Girls practice for powder puff football. There will be a powder puff game at halftime of the parents' weekend football game.**

**In last issue's Profile of a Mule, Laurie Kennedy, the incorrect photo was mistakenly printed. *The Weekly* appologizes for this mistake.**

## NSCAA Division III Rankings - Oct. 20, 1997

| Mid-Atlantic Region | National Ranking |
|---|---|
| 1. Messiah, 12-1-2 | 7 |
| 2. MUHLENBERG, 10-3-1 | 14 |
| 3. Gettysburg, 9-3-1 | 21 |
| 4. Johns Hopkins, 10-2 | 25 |
| 5. Elizabethtown, 11-5 | |
| 6. Bethany, 10-4-1 | |
| 7. Scranton, 8-6 | |
| 8. Carnegie Mellon, 10-4 | |
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# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football: Sat. 10/25 at Gettysburg**

**Men's soccer: Sat. 10/25 home vs. Washington @ 2:00, & Wed. 10/29 at Haverford**

**Women's soccer: Sat. 10/25 at Franklin & Marshall, & Tue. 10/28 home vs. Swarthmore @ 3:00**

**Volleyball: Sat. 10/25 at Wilkes & Wed. 10/29 at Ursinus**

**Field hockey: Sat. 10/25 home vs. Dickinson @ 1:00 & Tue. 10/28 at Franklin & Marshall**

**Cross country: Sat. 10/25 at Delaware Valley w/Albright**

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# Mules win!! Mules win!!

## *After beating up on Swarthmore, the Mules lose a heartbreaker to Johns Hopkins*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Comfort does not test a team. Getting things easily does not build character; it does not make you tougher. Only when your back is to the wall, only when things look their worst can you really see what you're made of.

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| **Muhlenberg** | **60** |
| **Swarthmore** | **14** |

Two close losses against Dickinson and Franklin and Marshall left the Mules winless as they prepared to meet the Garnet Tide of Swarthmore College on Saturday, October 11th. For the first four games of the season Muhlenberg continued to refine its play, showing that they were a team that could play at a high level, but could they win?

At Swarthmore it all came together for Head Coach Mike Donnelly as his troops executed with precision a 60-14 massacre of Swarthmore College, Muhlenberg's Centennial Conference rival.

From the very first play Muhlenberg demolished the Garnet Tide. The defense repeatedly forced Swarthmore into third and out situations. Interceptions by Mike Burke, Steven Brady and Jamie Weiss, plus a fumble forced by Pat Boyle rendered any offensive gains by the Swatties futile.

Mule offense racked up 586 total yards, 484 of that on the ground. Running Back Jason Brader rushed for a 'Berg record-tying 4 touchdowns and 246 yards, only 12 yards short of the school rushing record. Brader was also named Centennial Conference Player of the Week.

Running Back Cory Wohlbach ran for a career-high 116 yards. The 33 first downs made by the Mule offense set a Centennial Conference record.

The next week found the Mules back at home against Johns Hopkins University who were undefeated in Centennial Conference play. Looking at the numbers, it was a game Muhlenberg dominated, and should have won.

The offense moved the ball 474 yards. Brader continued to prove that he may be the best back in the Centennial Conference as he fought through the Hopkins line, advancing sometimes only by the force of his will for 156 more yards and another touchdown.

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| **Johns Hopkins** | **24** |
| **Muhlenberg** | **21** |

Quarterback George Fosdick was again effective in the air, passing for 299 yards, and two touchdowns, one to Brader and another to wide receiver Kevin Cannon. Cannon's ten catches were good for 179 total yards, including a magnificent 73-yard catch and run.

Cannon earned the last 40 yards by outrunning three Hopkins players who pursued him all the way to the endzone.

While the defense limited JHU to only 303 yards and repeatedly stopped the aggressive Blue Jay run, two big touchdown plays and some talented Hopkins wide receivers kept the Blue Jays in the game.

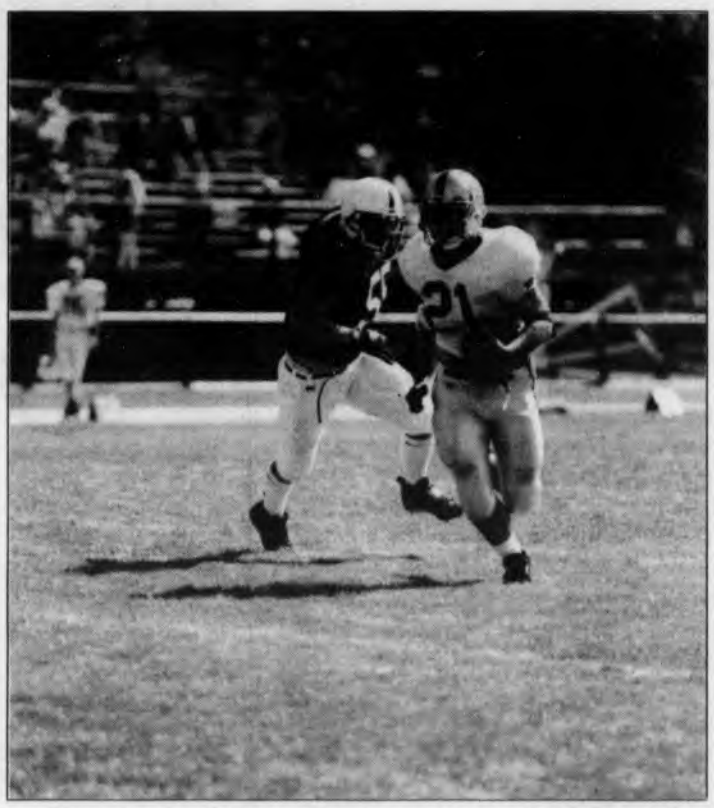
A strong Hopkins special teams unit outplayed the Mules, blocking a Mule punt and a field goal, and running some aberrantly short Mule kicks back for 98 total yards.

It was an exciting game nonetheless. After spotting JHU the fatal field goal, Brader rushed for his first touchdown of the day. Hopkins came right back with a huge screen play into the endzone to make things 10-7.

A 9-yard pass to Brader notched another big score, but once again Johns Hopkins came back, closing out the first half 17-14.

Play was tense and even throughout the 3rd quarter, but in the early fourth quarter Fosdick connected to Cannon for the go-ahead TD that caused the Cardinal and Gray stands to erupt with cheers.

However, JHU was not out yet. Near the very end of the quarter, a long Blue Jay drive broke the plane of the goal, leaving a paltry few seconds on the game clock, and breaking the hearts of all the Muhlenberg faithful in the stadium.



***Running back Jason Brader was named Centennial Conference player of the week after his four touch-down, 246-yard performance against Swarthmore***

# Field Hockey team loses to Wesley in Overtime

## *Loss stops the Mules' four game win streak and lowers their season record to 5-7*

**by Eric Hilderbrand**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The field hockey team's four game winning streak came to a disappointing end Saturday when they lost to the Wesley Wolverines in overtime, 2-1. The loss also ended the Lady Mules perfect overtime record (9-0) since the NCAA format switch two years ago.

Muhlenberg came out strong in the opening half, scoring after only three and a half minutes had elapsed. Freshman Cheryl Taft scored her second career goal on an assist from sophomore Kim Brady.

The Lady Mules played well during the next twenty minutes, however with ten minutes left the Wesley offense began putting pressure on the Muhlenberg goal.

It appeared Muhlenberg would get out of the Wesley pressure, but with less than one minute remaining Muhlenberg was unable to clear the ball out of the circle and the Wolverines tied the score on a hard hit ball off a penalty corner.

The second half showed few scoring opportunities for the Mules. The Muhlenberg offense tried to make a run at the Wolverine cage with five and a half minutes left, but a well-placed time out by Wesley head coach Tracey Shot gave the Wesley defense a breather and allowed them to rebuff the 'Berg attack.

Muhlenberg looked as if it was going to use its overtime magic yet again, as the Mules made several quick runs at the Wesley goal in the opening minutes.

With 11:32 left in the first overtime the 'Berg defense made a mistake and Wesley capitalized.

The Wesley defense cleared the ball up field and the Wolverine forward beat the last defender and the put a well placed shot to the stick-side of freshman goalie Allison Neet and into the cage. The loss dropped the Mules record to 5-7 (2-3 in the Centennial Conference).

"We have one problem, we are not aggressive enough," Coach Laurie Kerr commented, "If you have six shots in a game you won't win."

The lady Mules were out-shot six to thirteen, firing on the Wesley goal only twice during the second half. The 'Berg was also out cornered seven to ten.

"It was a tough loss considering we had been on a winning streak. Hopefully we can use what we learned from this loss and win for the rest of the season" sophomore forward Lindsay Kay said of the game.

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# The ground has been broken! New theater for 'Berg

## *Muhlenberg celebrates the beginning of the construction of the Performance Art Building*

**by Christine Silvestro**
***Weekly* news writer**

Last Thursday, a ground breaking ceremony was held to mark the beginning of the construction of the new $8.5 million performing arts facility which will be adjacent to the already existing Dorothy H. and Dexter F. Baker Center for the Arts. The ceremony was held in front of Benfer Hall on the lawn where the Bernheim House once stood; the major addition will be constructed on that site beginning in March 1998.

The 43,000 square foot addition, which will include an experimental theater, dance studios, classrooms, offices, a primary rehearsal hall, and a Broadway-style theater is expected to be completed by September 1999. President Taylor is enthusiastic about the generous donation which will help house Muhlenberg's growing performing arts program.

"Our performing arts programs continue to attract superb students from around the country," says Arthur R. Taylor, President of Muhlenberg College. "Theater Arts is our fastest-growing major and one of the finest programs in the country. Three of our graduates are currently performing on Broadway. The new building will enhance our recruiting efforts in music and dance as well and provide the first class facilities that our students and faculty richly deserve."

The new performing arts building is only one of three major campus projects being planned by the administration. The other projects include a new academic building which will be located on the lawn between East Hall and Egner Memorial Chapel.

*Board of Trustees members and the Bakers join President Taylor at the ceremony.*

This building will include state of the art classrooms and laboratories and will house education, psychology, religion, and philosophy departments. Plans for a new all-weather track surrounding a brand new football stadium are also in the works.

"This is an exciting time for the college and the community," says Dr. David M. Long, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We have received tremendous support from Trustees, Alumni, national foundations, corporation, parents and other friends of the College..."

It is now unknown as to when all of these construction goals will be met. Right now, contractors and administrators are concentrating their efforts on, according to Charles Richter, Theater Arts Department Chair, creating "one of the finest undergraduate theater facilities in the nation."

# Community responds to Overlay Ordinance

**by Heidi Herder**
**Assistant news editor**

It appears as though the community and Muhlenberg College are at war with one another in the west end of Allentown. With recent passage of the ordinance limiting student off campus housing, conflict has arisen as to how students and community members are to exist peacefully together, if that is ever to happen.

Residents of the local area feel as though they have exhausted all other options and felt that they had no other choice but to take legal action. The tremendous influx of students to the streets surrounding the college have created problems and disturbances that neighbors just could not handle any longer.

Mayor Heydt expressed that he recognized the "neighborhood is being threatened," but also realizes that the college is important to the community.

"[I have] no problem with younger people, but at the same time, I understand [the neighbors views]" stated the Mayor.

The mayor feels as though the college and the community can work together to reach a reasonable compromise for this situation. Many neighbors, however, feel let down by the college's response to pleas for assistance.

"As our alma mater we trusted the college to help us out. We wrote countless letters and spent hours on the phone. We thought that would be fine, " said Kathy Freed on behalf of her family. Freed and neighbors formed a coalition feeling it was their only alternative.

Students have expressed their dislike for this ordinance over the past few weeks-showing up at city council meetings to show their support for their college.

"It's ridiculous. We are responsible people living out in the world today and it is not fair for 'them' to stereotype 'us', " said one freshman.

"Students are going to feel threatened by Allentown residents by living off campus. It [the ordinance] discourages students to live in the current residences [owned by the college and landlords]," said Seth Andrews '00.

Several students have even entertained the idea of boycotting the city of Allentown by not participating in community service projects or purchasing items at local Allentown stores.

Mayor Heydt responded to this notion by saying, "I don't think that does anything. All the city asks is some reasonable accommodations. It doesn't make any sense. If you boycott our city would you not want our fire trucks to come, or us to send our ambulances?"

This looks to be a difficult time for Allentown . Mayor Heydt encourages, "Let's work with the neighborhood, [we must] realize it's a participation that works both ways."

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# Nationline

Things happening around the world. Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

Mayville, New York—Scores of HIV in this rural western New York town have been traced to a man who approached teen girls in schools and parks and traded drugs for sex. Health officials are going outside the normal rules of privacy to alert residents who may have had contact with the man, who reportedly knew that he was HIV positive but continued to have sex with others, regardless. Officials have counted 28 cases of direct sexual contact and 53 cases of secondary contact. Seventeen other cases were still being studied.

Alpine, Texas—A judge told the top two leaders of the Republic of Texas separatist group that they will go to trial for a week-long standoff with police as soon as a jury can be seated. Richard McLaren and his chief lieutenant, Robert Otto, objected to the proceedings, saying the court isn't following the Texas Constitution and that the judge has no jurisdiction over them. The men face up to life in prison on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Cambridge, Massachusetts—Prosecutors on Monday tried to discount testimony given last week by a young English girl on trial for the alleged fatal shaking of 8 month-old Matthew Eappen on Febuary 4. After giving testimony last week that she never harmed any child in her care, Louise Woodward admitted Monday that she once left children unattended while she did laundry. Prosecutors contend Woodward, frustrated by a fussy baby and long working hours, lashed out at the child. Her lawyers maintain the fatal injuries could have happened weeks before.

Spokane, Washington—FBI officials say they're alarmed that a confidential fax about militia activities in the Northwest was mistakenly sent to a small movie memorabilia shop October 9. "At first I thought somebody had sent me a screenplay," said Eric DuBois, who runs Hollywood Sunset Posters in Spokane. After realizing the document was for real, DuBois contacted an FBI field office, according to The Spokesman-Review.

New Orleans, Louisiana—Seventeen-year-old Jackie Jarman saved herself, her father and countless others Saturday when she wrestled her father's tractor trailer off the shoulder of an interstate and back onto the road after her father Michael lost consciousness. While she couldn't keep the trucj upright, Jackie did prevent a multi-car accident on Interstate 10, State Trooper Staty Lewis, Jr. said. Michael was treated for cuts and head injuries and was in stable condition Sunday. His daughter was treated and released.

Atlanta, Georgia--Martin Luther King III is the most likely candidate to take over as the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said board members Sunday. The board has recommended King as the top pick among finalists, but the decision isn't final said one board member. The son of the group's co-founder Martin Luther King Jr. is expected to succeed the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who has headed the civil rights organization for 20 years.

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# Campus Safety Notes

## *Two fire extinguisher cabinets vandalized during weekend*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

10/20/97 - Theft - Trexler Library - $20 from Ladies bathroom that was left there

10/20/97 - Suspicious Male - Sorority parking lot - white male, 6 feet tall, and short blonde curly hair wearing red warm-up pants and white T-shirt, approximately 18-21 years old, hiding amongst cars. Was chased on foot by Campus Safety, and lost near the park area

10/21/97 - Unauthorized Person - Ettinger - "book buy-back" solicitor given a letter of trespass

10/21/97 - Hit and Run - 26th St. parking lot - student-on-student

10/21/97 - Theft - Seegers Union - bar stool-type chair from lobby area - any information on whereabouts, call Campus Safety

10/23/97 - Fire Alarm - 2208 Chew St. - cooking

10/24/97 - Fire Alarm - 2230 Chew St. - removal of detector

10/24/97 - Theft - Trexler Library - antique Muhlenberg College sweater taken off of a cart - any information on whereabouts, call Campus Safety

10/24/97 - Information - student-on-student harassment

10/24/97 - Vandalism - East Hall - glass smashed in front of fire extinguisher cabinet between E. first and second floor

10/25/97 - Vandalism - Walz - glass smashed in front of fire extinguisher cabinet on second floor

10/25/97 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - ML - referred to Dean's Office

10/25/97 - Fire Alarm - ML - burnt popcorn

10/25/97 - Theft - Walz - stolen master key - has been recovered but all interior locks were changed in the building

10/25/97 - Vandalism - Seegers Union - graffiti on back door

10/25/97 - Theft/Vehicle - 2216 Chew St. - CD player and 6-8 CDs

10/25/97 - Theft/Vehicle - Sorority Lot - AM/FM CD player and about 20 CDs

10/25/97 - Underage Alcohol Consumption and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - East F - referred to Dean's Office

10/25/97 - Vandalism - Prosser - wood stuck in a room lock

10/26/97 - Unauthorized Persons - LSC - juveniles playing basketball

10/27/97 - Vandalism - CA - wall clock broken about entrance to theater

Campus Safety would appreciate any information, even anonymous, about stolen property. They are still working with the city in an effort to curb vehicle theft.


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# Condom Survey results are in! See what 'Berg thinks!

## *Over 320 students answer important questions for health's sake*

**by Louis Alloro**
***Weekly* news writer**

With approximately one million Americans infected with HIV, most of them through sexual transmission, and an estimated twelve million cases of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) occurring each year in the United States, effective strategies for preventing these diseases are critical.

For these reasons, the Muhlenberg College RIBBON (Remembering, Informing, Breaking Barriers, Outreach NOW!) Project which is dedicated to the education of the community on issues involving HIV and AIDS, asked students to fill out a survey regarding condom distribution a few weeks ago.

"To help fulfill our organization's mission, we are currently seeking out ways to make condoms more available on campus," says RIBBON President Lisa Brownstein '98.

It is unanimous that students rather pay a small fee to use name brand condoms than use the generic condoms now available for free.

Senior Heather Coady says, "I put more trust in a Trojan than I do in a no-name condom. I'd rather pay for a condom than I would for a baby or for STD treatment."

Refraining from sexual intercourse, is of course, the best way to avoid transmission of HIV and other STDs.

"But for those who are not abstinent, latex condoms, when used correctly and consistently, can greatly reduce a person's risk of acquiring STDs," says Patti Mittleman, RIBBON Co-Advisor.

In fact, recent studies done by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection provide compelling evidence that "latex condoms are highly effective in protecting against HIV infection when used for every act of intercourse."

The RIBBON Project is working diligently to provide condoms in the spaces students prefer. Free condoms are currently already available in the Self-Serve Cold Center, through most RAs, and in the Hillel House and Egner Chapel.

RIBBON is planning on ways of making name-brands available in the near future.

### Survey Results

| Have you ever acquired a free condom on campus? | Are you comfortable approaching your RA for condoms? |
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| **Yes 101** | **Yes 109** |
| **No 227** | **No 99** |

38 students rather use free, generic condoms.

289 students rather pay a small fee for name-brand condoms.

**Top 3 Name Brands** preferred: Trojan, Lifestyles and Sheik.

**Top 3 Types** preferred: lubricated, spermicide and ribbed.

165 MALES completed the survey

163 FEMALES completed the survey

4 students were UNSURE

***Editor's Note: Lifestyle condoms were recently recalled.***

# The Man Behind the Building : A Profile of George Ettinger

## *A monthly feature highlighting the Sesquicentennial Year of the college*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

In celebrating Muhlenberg College's sesquicentennial, many questions are being asked about the institution's history. For example: Who was the first dean of Muhlenberg? Would you like a hint? Everyday, the students of Muhlenberg College spend hours of their time in an academic building named in his honor - and it's not Shankweiler or Trumbower. The answer: George T. Ettinger.

Dr. Ettinger was connected with the college for more than sixty-three years as a student and faculty member.

Born and raised in Allentown, he attended the Preparatory Department of Muhlenberg, where he graduated in 1880 as valedictorian. Not long after he graduated, there was a need for someone to head the Preparatory Department of the institution.

According to Dr. Ettinger, the college authorities looked everywhere for a suitable man of sufficiently high caliber who would accept the position for extraordinarily low pay. When no such person was found, they then proceeded to pursue Dr. Ettinger.

After four years of teaching in the academic department, Dr. Ettinger became co-principal along with Professor E.S. Dieter. In 1892, he was elected professor of pedagogy and assistant professor of Latin, and in 1904, when Dr. Haas became president, he was appointed as the first dean of the institution.

Yet, with Muhlenberg having a 150 year history, one may wonder why the first dean was not appointed until 1904.

The answer is that the faculty and student body were very small in earliest days of the institution, and there had been no need for a dean. The president himself performed many of the functions which now belong to the deans.

Nevertheless, Dr. Ettinger was the first dean of Muhlenberg College, and endeared himself to many generations of students before retiring from the institution in 1937.

# "Climb on in....Further" advises visiting "Living Writer"

## *Author Alicia Suskin Ostriker's reading impresses Muhlenberg students*

**by Matthew D. Hittinger**
***Weekly* news writer**

*"Powerful writing cannot occur except by taking risks, killing the censor, writing what you are afraid to think, to feel; write what makes you afraid to write."*

This quote must begin this piece, for I confess I write this article with fear; journalism is new to me. You may ask, "Who said these glorious lines, lines that true writers feel burning in their hearts?" And my answer would be: Alicia Suskin Ostriker, fourth writer in a series of six for the very rare and special course "Living Writers".

In this course, offered every couple of years and team taught by Linda Miller and Alec Marsh, students read and discuss current works by poets, novelists, essayists, and short story writers. The writer then comes to campus to participate in a question and answer session with the class where students experience intentions; books are signed, and the writer gives a public reading of his or her work(s).

Being a part of that class, I had the pleasure to witness Alicia Ostriker this past Monday evening. Ostriker is a feminist Jewish poet, essayist, and literary critic, having written eight books of poetry, including The Imaginary Lover, which won the 1986 William Carlos Williams award, and The Crack in Everything (1996) from which she primarily read.

Whether her poems were comically about men in the locker room, pretending not to look at each other's bodies, to the moving and disturbing "Mastectomy Poems", Ostriker's love of language and poetic gift searingly blinded our minds, forcing us to do something with the experiences she plopped onto our laps.

Her reading concluded with excerpts from her 1994 book The Nakedness of the Fathers, a book of biblical visions and revisions told in the genre of "midrash", or scriptural commentary that entertains an infinite amount of interpretations, all honored as valid.

We were entertained with the lover's play between King Solomon and Queen Sheba, especially when Solomon asks "But what is the secret of holy scripture?" and Sheba replies, "Climb into it and see. Further."

Indeed, this is Ostriker's purpose, to "climb on in" to the text and language of the Torah, uncovering the presence of the submerged feminine, the Shekhinah, the tracks and traces of the feminine portion of God and of men.

She ended with her "Prayer to the Shekhinah" or the feminine aspect of God, with which God is currently pregnant, ready to give labor to the swallowed feminine, to make the male and female aspects of God whole as they were "In the beginning..."

As for me, the highlight of the evening was when I thanked her for coming. She embraced my hand and said, "No. Thank you for coming."

***Next author in this series:***
**David Bradley**
**November 10**

# Progress slow in Red Door renovations

## *Many improvements completed....more to come*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

Hard work has not been enough to renovate the Red Door. Student Council's plan to renovate the Red Door has included imput from campus administration. Slow progress has delayed completion of the Red Door project which started over the summer. According to Student Body President David Silber, "things are now in motion...and major visual changes can be expected by Thanksgiving break."

"What's happened so far," said Silber, "is that we've had four 27-inch and four 13-inch televisions put up...and Chris Subbio (Weekly cartoonist) is currently working on the Mule mural seen on the far wall."

The Red Door will also be decorated with an array of Muhlenberg athletic memorabilia, including uniforms, helmets, and plaques. Filling the space on the dance floor will be a U-shaped coffee table, and a new name replacing "Red Door Cafe" is still a possibility. Referring to the name change Silber said, "We'd still like to see it happen, but we're waiting to get more things done and more input from the Student Body."

A sum of $5,000 has been allotted to the Student Body for this project. Approximately $2,900 of this amount has been spent so far. Investments include: $2,000 plus on furniture, $348 on wall-mounts, $212 on frames, $178 on brackets, $27 on plates for the televisions , $81 on paint, in addition to a several other small expenditures.

The eight televisions were donated by the family of Junior Jeff Shapiro on behalf of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The televisions did not factor into the $5,000 budget.

Still to be purchased is the coffee table and more paint. According to Student Body Treasurer Lauren Ravit, money left over from the allotted sum "will go into the Student Body fund and will be used on future projects."

Such projects may include an improvement to the weight room and any necessary expenditures for the Scotty Wood tournament.

The installation of the televisions is a main aspect of the renovation which is likely to attract a number of students. Silber noted, "...many people order their lunch at GQ and take it back to their room to watch a soap opera or sports show, and now, with this versatility of television programming shown in the Red Door, they won't have to."

Silber went on to note that there has already been a slight increase in Red Door profit since the addition of the televisions. The renovation is also intended to "...give the men and women involved in Muhlenberg sports the recognition they deserve," said Silber, "and these changes will accommodate that."

With a seemingly small student interest in Muhlenberg athletics, this sport-oriented renovation will certainly add needed identity to school teams. With the renovation running strictly under student participation, busy schedules have played an affecting role.

"It's fair to say that things got off to a slow start," said Silber, "...and I would've liked to have seen some things done earlier...Our original goal was to get it done before the students got back [for the beginning of the academic year], but when we started working that sounded unreasonable because we got off to a late start. But now things are moving and the mural is up, the televisions are up, and pictures are framed and ready to be hung."

*A portion of Subbio's mural in progress on the far wall of the Red Door Cafe.*

# TKE to raise funds for the American Cancer Society

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

Beginning Family Weekend, TKE will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society. "Entertainment Books" will be for sale at tables outside of Seager's Union and at the football game on Saturday.

At thirty-five dollars each, the price for the books may seem a little steep. Inside, however, the purchaser will find over fifteen thousand dollars worth of savings on dining, sports, leisure, and travel activities. The books can be purchased for various regions throughout the country, and are not limited to the PA area.

According to Joe Melograna and Shawn Quinn, TKE is targeting parents weekend for their most aggressive sale tactics.

Because of the heavy volume of parents and visitors present, Melograna expects this to be the most profitable time for the sale. However, the books can also be purchased throughout the week from the members of TKE.

So where is your money going? Of the thirty dollar price for the book, twenty four goes to cover the costs of publication, shipping and fees paid to Entertainment Publications, Inc.

The six dollars profit made by TKE on each book will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

# Faculty Profile: Dr. Sheryl Welte

*photo by Carly Ringer*

**by Louis Alloro**
**Weekly news writer**

Dr. Sheryl Welte grew up in Haworth, NJ, always knowing she wanted to go into education – "probably because I was never satisfied with my own," she explained.

While attending Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest, always-daring Welte put one of her teachers to the test: Unsure that her English teacher was not reading her papers because feedback was nonexistent and comments always the same, Welte glued the middle two pages of one paper together only to find out what she originally suspected. Later, she published her findings in the school newspaper, "only to regret it," she said.

Welte started her undergraduate career at Colorado College but transferred to the University of Pennsylvania after one year because "the academics weren't as challenging as I hoped they would be," she explained.

Despite the fact that Penn has an excellent graduate program in education, "undergraduates are ironically discouraged from pursuing a career in education," Welte said.

She graduated Penn in 1986 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Before starting work on her masters degree, Welte returned to Colorado for a year to teach ski lessons at Steam Boat Springs (and also to have a little fun!).

Welte completed her graduate work in higher education at the University of Vermont and then headed to Miami University in Ohio where she worked as a first year advisor, then assumed the role of Assistant Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. She also taught core classes in humanities and social sciences.

"And it was my experiences at Miami that I knew I loved teaching at the college level – I realized there that I wanted to continue on for my doctorate in education."

Welte continued her education at Michigan State for the next five years. Two of those years she lived and researched her dissertation in Bangladesh on How social and cultural factors influence women's ways of knowing. "[Doing my research], I gained much appreciation for not only education in America but also women in America."

She is extremely excited about being a part of Muhlenberg's community which, "Unlike larger universities, is very committed to excellent teaching and student learning – exactly where I wanted to put my time and energy," Welte said.

Welte's husband is a Geographer at the University of Connecticut. "Because I lived in Bangladesh, we know it's hard to have a long distance relationship," Welte said, "but it's certainly easier to be living in the same time-zone!"

**Next Week's Faculty Profile:**

**Dr. Gary Histand**
**Chemistry Department**

# A conversation with Kathy Freed.....

## *Class of '76 president and proponent of student overlay district*

**by Heidi Herder**
**Assistant News Editor**

When the name Kathy Freed is mentioned on Muhlenberg campus, the immediate thoughts that come to mind include the witch across from Delta Zeta, anti-Muhlenberg, and anti-college students; rather than mother of four, member of a close community, Muhlenberg alum, and president of her senior class here.

Kathy Freed and her husband Robert both graduated Muhlenberg in 1976 with high regard for this college.

They used to host basketball receptions as Robert was a member and captain of the varsity basketball team.

They were married in the chapel and chose to move into a house on 22nd street in order to be close to the place that held such fond memories for them.

What does this graduate of Muhlenberg and community member think of the recent ordinance limiting off campus housing?

She was vice president of the community organization that helped to pass it. Her feelings toward Muhlenberg have changed dramatically in the past five years.

"We had a neighborhood...a nice place to raise four children," said Kathy in response to how the neighborhood surrounding Muhlenberg was in the past. However, when students began moving off campus onto streets such as 22nd, neighbors began experiencing problems such as loud noise, property damages, cars being keyed and kicked in, and gardens being urinated on. Apparently Kathy became the spokesperson for the community as many did not know who to call or how to get help.

The students were personally approached first, then the college was involved. When the college appeared to be dodging the communities complaints with responses such as "we'll talk to the students," the neighborhood got together and formed a committee to deal with the problems.

Over the past five years a coalition was formed with two representatives from the college, the community, and the city.

However, this coalition failed to give the community the results that it wished for. It has all boiled down to the events of the past months with the passing of the ordinance.

"We had no idea that we needed a law...we just wanted to live our lives and raise our children in a quiet neighborhood," Kathy said.

She feels as though the college has not been active in creating a solution to the problems with students living off campus, and thus they had no choice but to involve the city. The Freed's relationship with Muhlenberg has been affected from this conflict.

They feel as though they relied upon the college for help and their support, but their trust has been broken.

"Muhlenberg is no friend of mine...and it hurts tremendously." The strain that she feels from the college caused her to not attend her recent twentieth reunion.

When asked if she felt the college had blackballed her, she acknowledged that when only one side of the story is presented it is easy to get the wrong picture. The Freed's and their neighbors feel as though students want their houses. Muhlenberg has an obvious need for more housing and they feel as though it is being handled the wrong way.

"Why not tear down McGregor Village and build townhouses that would give students the luxury of an off campus house, with the nicety of still being on campus?" Kathy highlighted the joys she had while living on campus and wonders why students would want to give up that chance to have to function as responsible community members.

"It is not fair to expect [students] to behave as anything but kids."

Her concern is that students are not ready yet to have the responsibilities, duties, and courtesy that are needed to live in a small neighborhood. "Why would you want to live next to a working family?"

"I celebrate Muhlenberg's 145 good years. That's the Muhlenberg I love and my alma mater. That's why I moved here."

### 1997-98 Career Assistants Are Ready to Help You

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As part of their jobs, the Career Assistants are able to lead students in the right direction toward their career goals. They can show you how to use the different resources in the OCDP library, located on the bottom floor of Seegers Union. Career Assistants can direct you to various sources for internships, graduate schools, jobs, career fields, and much more. Furthermore, they know how to help you with resume writing, interviewing and networking skills. The OCDP library is fortunate to have a computer with special career searching programs on it. Career Assistants are more than happy to walk you through such programs as SIGI, and Resume Expert, and to help you conduct a job search using the internet.

Career Assistant hours are on Wednesdays from 11:00am-noon. and 3:30-4:30pm, and Thursdays at 12:30-1:30pm and 3:00-4:00pm in the OCDP library. So bring your questions and the Career Assistants will do their best to lead you in the right direction.

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# Consult the Mule..... Your Weekly Horoscope

By Jenn Zwirn and Sherry Fazio

## Aries

Oh Aries, decisions, decisions, decisions...it seems as if they've been taking over lately. How can you possibly get any sleep at night knowing you've got so much hanging over you?! Usually things aren't this difficult but just recently you seem to be overwhelmed with issues.

Have no fear, though, Aries...this too shall pass. You're a strong person and you're known to attain all you set out to do. It's always been hard for you to hurt those close to you, but here's a reality check for you — sometimes in life, you've got to use a little truth serum to get yourself back into that stress-free zone.

It's high time that you come to terms with everything going on around you. Sticky situations really aren't your specialty but even you, Aries, have to deal with them now and then.

## Taurus

Hey Taurus, we've got to give you oodles of props for your amazing loyalty and devotion. You deserve a very big pat on the back.

Yet again, you have gone above and beyond the call of duty for your friends and loved ones but what else is new?! With your cheery disposition and especially rare ability to remain diplomatic in every situation you encounter, you are just as good as they come.

With all of those good deeds you do non-stop, you'd think that you'd be bombarded with recognition, however we all know that it's just now the case. Don't fret, Taurus, even though people don't always show how appreciative they are of your mere presence, we all notice how special you are.

## Gemini

Oh Gem, you should be a poster child for learning how to deal in college! In the past week you have used every word of advice that your mother drilled in to your head before arriving here.. you know that stuff that you swore you'd never need. Come on and share with the rest of us.. how exactly do you do it?!

You have really excelled in learning to deal and to cope with whatever stepping stones have been place on your path.

Just be sure that you remember these recent events and just how strong you can be for the future, when things just suddenly appear...things that you wouldn't even wish on your worst enemy.

Always keep in mind that sooner or later all good things come to an end and you may have to start from scratch again.

## Cancer

Hello there, Cancer...looks as if you're up to some evil lately just to prove a point. Well, who are we to stop you?! Sometimes you have to follow your heart and go where it takes you. If there's one things that you've learned recently, it's surely the fact that if you've got something to say, spit it out and say it! You're surely not known to just sit back and let things fall into place.

We're glad to know that you're finally taking your own advice and fulfilling your long-intended goal of getting others to recognize what stress they've been causing you lately. Just try to consider others' feelings and the possible outcomes of your entire ordeal. Do what makes *you* happy in the long run because that is what is really most important.

## Leo

You know, Leo, you're just not happy unless someone else is frowning, huh?! That seems awfully heartless of you and we know that's not the real you...for goodness sake, Leo, wouldn't you agree that it's high time that you come to terms with all the trouble and mishaps you've been standing in the center of lately?!

You've come to the point in your life where you need to admit your faults and fess up to your bad habit of stirring up a little ruckus every now and then. The thing is, there's nothing wrong with creating some excitement as long as it doesn't hurt others...but your excitement is hurting others. Clearly you have way too little to do on this campus if you have time to create petty quarrels...get a hobby, read a book, or hop on-line, but please, we beg you, knock off the *"he said-she said"* game and move on!

## Virgo

You are to be commended this week, Virgo! You have just made a grand step in the scheme of things and we give you mad props for it. First of all, Virgo, you took the initiative to recognize the fact that something in your life has been on the battle field for far too long. However, you've been strong enough to overcome it and grow a great deal in the process. See, we know you are already aware of this, but it's nice to be reminded every now and then that life is too short to keep things pent up inside of you, just growing and growing as the time keeps on a tickin'!

It takes a lot out of somebody to be the bigger person in a situationso Virgo, you've done a great deed...consider yourself an official angel in disguise!

## Libra

Well, Libra, this week you've noticed that things come and go in life, people make their mark and move on, and very few things ever stay the same. This is why it is so important that we make the most of every minute we have. Life is all about taking chances, getting hurt, learning, growing, and getting stronger from every experience. If you don't give things a chance, then you'll never know what you might be missing. People will come and go, they'll teach you their thing and you'll teach them yours but then you'll move on to something new.

Just try to enjoy every second that you have here and have a good time. College is rough but understanding the entire experience and what you're learning in the process is what makes it so special. So next time opportunity comes a knockin' go ahead and open the door....or else you'll never know what you might have missed!

## Scorpio

Oh, dear, Scorp, here we go again...seems like you've been snooping in someone else's business lately...why is this?! After all, who do you think you are....Sherlock Holmes or Magnum P.I.?! You know, Scorp, it's great to be concerned with other people and to take their feelings into account but all too often, when you start doing this, you get your nose stuck where it doesn't belong. How about taking a step back and evaluating your own experiences instead?! We are very certain that you have plenty of things to work out for yourself and there is no need to be involved with other people's traumas.

Once you get yourself in order, then you might have good reason to go ahead and attempt to very diplomatically help out a friend. Until then, Scorpio, perhaps you ought to just let things lie!

## Sagittarius

Hey Sag, well you sure have learned about diplomacy this week. Go you! You have been placed in the most awkward of situations but you made it through with flying colors because you've learned how to deal with everything so well.

Biting your tongue and just accepting the inevitable is something that really stinks, but because you're so strong, you'll be ready to deal with most anything that creeps up on you in the future.

Just think about how much easier everything else will be now that you have conquered the more difficult times.

It's a very special gift to be able to let things just roll off your back even though they're thoroughly annoying, but you've mastered this. Keep it up!

## Capricorn

Dear, dear Capricorn...how quickly we forget the meaning of the word friend, huh?! You know what a friend is, don't you?! Someone who's loyal and devoted and honest in every situation, but somehow you must have forgotten that part of it. Seems like you've been hiding things from a person very close to you and for no good reason at all. If you are trying to protect someone, that's all well and good, but come on already and share what you know in order to help them...there's nothing wrong with trying to get a friend out of a sticky situation but dealing with it entirely by yourself is not the way to go at all. Talk to the person about what's going on and open up to them honestly. In the end, you'll feel better and your conscience will too.

## Aquarius

Hey Aquarius, you sure have turned into Mr./Miss Honesty lately. Even though Mom has always told you that honesty is the best policy, sometimes being so utterly blatant about every little detail of life just isn't the way to go. Actually you may find a lot of people crying due to your bad choice of words...your truth potion doesn't just hurt, it kills. Sometimes you have to be a bit more discreet about things, Aquarius. Try being a little diplomatic for a change! We're here to clue you in to the fact that although it may be hard for you to keep your mouth closed, if you want to keep your old friends, next time you'll think before you actually speak.

## Pisces

Well, Pisces, looks like you're all that and a bag of chips lately...so why are you so confused and clueless about just how cool you are?! After all, you happen to be a fantastic person to depend on, let alone just hanging out with. You tend to sell yourself short a lot of the time, but that doesn't mean that others do as well. What's up with this newfound insecurity?

Everyone you charm knows just how, well, charming you can actually be...it's almost as if you put people under a magic spell with that amazing aura that surrounds you.

So why exactly have you been flooded with uncertainty about everything lately?! You know, Pisces, everything you do is in your control, so how about getting a grip on your personality and enjoying what you've been blessed with?!

# Indigo Girls are 'poetry in motion' at Stabler Arena

**Indigo Girls**
**Stabler Arena**
**Concert Review by**
**Jara Renee Traina and Jess Causa**

So, you're stranded on a deserted island. Sure you have lots of sun, sand and surf but what are you going to do without tunes to accompany this escape from reality?

If you had three CD's that you could've brought with you, what would they be? As it is, we don't make any excursions without an ample supply of the Indigo Girls.

On October 22, 1997, Emily Saliers and Amy Ray captivated the Lehigh Valley with their performance at Lehigh University's Stabler Arena, once again reaffirming that their music is "poetry in motion".

Mixing both their traditional folk style with their recent harder rock side that emerged on "Shaming of the Sun," the concert was sure to please both the older fans and new listeners.

The diverse audience crossed boundaries of age and gender usually associated with their fans.

Their repertoire included tracks from every album including a cover of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song". On their classic crowd pleasers, "Closer to Fine," "Galileo," and "Least Complicated" (a.k.a. The Woolworth Song) they had the crowd on their feet dancing and invited them to sing along. On the tender ballad "Leeds", Saliers's solo performance at the piano lulled the crowd to silence. Similarly, Ray's introductory electric guitar riff to "Shed Your Skin" showed yet another dimension of their artistic ability. They encored with a set which included a rendition of "Chickenman" with a harmonica interlude by a member of the opening act. Their most recent album, "Shaming of the Sun," was released this past April, receiving much more visibility than any of their previous albums. "Shame on You" was the first of their recordings to reach the play lists of many of the top forty stations.

*Indigo Girls Emily Sailers and Amy Ray rocked the Stabler Arena last week*

In preparation for this album, they carried out an experimental tour, "Map," throughout the winter season of 1996-1997, which could account for much of the hype that surrounded its release.

With what seems like an endless touring schedule, the Indigo Girls joined the Lilith Fair, a women's music festival organized by Sarah McLaughlin this summer for several shows.

Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have been making music together since the late eighties, and their self titled debut was released in 1989. This album captures much of the social consciousness and folk style that has become synonymous with the Girls' music.

They have released several albums over the years; titles include "Swamp Ophelia," "1200 Curfews," "Indians, Saints, and Nomads," "1,2,3 Back on the Bus Y'All".

One of the most important things that their music accomplishes is how they are the one group that all of our friends, no matter how diverse their musical tastes, can agree on.

Because of this, their music is a staple and will always remain a constant in our CD player.

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# Multi-cultural Halloween Bash a scary success

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

This past Friday night, a Haloween party sponsored by Multi-Cultural life and Tom Cruz-Soto '98 took place in the Red Door.

Cruz-Soto has hosted and organized many similar parties in the past.

Last week, he not only acted as a chairperson, but he also DJ'd hte well-attended event.

"The music was probably what drew most of the crowd. We attempted tp play music that's not normally featured on this campus."

" We wanted to offer students an alternative to the rock that is normally played."

Cruz-Soto featured music from many different genres, including hip hop, club, salsa, merengue and reggae.

He asked students who he knew were going to attend what they wanted to hear, and devised a playlist from their requests.

Cruz-Soto said that he was happy with the turnout at the party.

"I never get as many people as I invite to come, but I have never been disappointed by the turn out in the past. The place has always been packed."

He explained that the events he has hosted draw what he describes as a "typical crowd—you see poeple who got to the fraternities, MAC events, people who plan to go to the Wallflowers concert."

Essentially, a true sample of the student body was present.

Cruz-Soto does eexpress some concern with some students' reluctance to attend the parties because they are sponsered by Multi-Cultural life.

"People assume that if Multi-Cultural life that it's just associated with black students, or other minority groups."

"These events are for everyone. they should be diverse—for people of all races to enjoy."

He urges everyone not to be intimidated by titles, and to come out and have a great time.

The next event is a Rollerskating party, which will be sponsored by junior Keelan DeShields. Details are to be announced.

Cruz-Soto wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the party to make it a success.


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# The Card comes to Muhlenberg

**by Brian Fishbone**
***Weekly* Entertainment Writer**

Students are always looking to save money at their favorite restaurants, stores, and movie theaters, and Brett Coplin '98 has responded to that student desire with The Card.

The Card is a new venture which pffers students discounts at the places that they frequesnt the most, such as Boston Market, Subway, and Outlooks for Hair.

For only $5, students receive a discount card that entitles them to savings throughout the Lehigh Valley for one academic year. Brett is currently marketing and selling The Card on the Muhlenberg campus via posters in the student union and mass mailings to student mailboxes.

Brett plans to expand operations to Cedar Crest College soon.

Brett has thought about starting this business for more than a year.

He and two other Muhlenberg studentsfirst developed the marketing plan for their company last spring in their Marketing class.

Over the course of the spring semester, he decided that he wanted to pursue the idea.

He spent the rest of the spring and summer contacting printers, setting up sales venues, and conducting more marketing research.

He began selling the card in Muhlenberg's Seegers Student Union on September 8.

Although he did not receive any financial support frmo the Institute of Entrepreneurship, he did obtain some helpful guidance from the Institute.

Brett praises Dr. Sandy Weinberg for his help, "Sandy told me whose approvals I would need in order to sell The Card on campus, and he gave me other useful advice about running my business."

Brett would like to continue selling The Card even after he graduates, but doing so depends on his work schedule.

Although nothing has been finalized yet, Brett plans to generate additional revenue in future years by charging businesses a fee to be featured on The Card, nad he mentioned the possibility of turning the business over to the Entrepreneurial Club or the Institute after he graduates.

Brett can be reached at 439-0545, or at Box 2760.

He also has an E-mail address for customerservice and questions about The Card: thecard16@aol.com.

He encourages anyone who is interested in finding out more about The Card to contact him at home or on-line.

# French Club plans Quebec trip

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

There are many clubs and organizations on this campus that go relatively unnoticed. This hardly seems fair, as they are intended not only to provide recreation, but also to educate.

The French Club is one such organization. Officially called "La Table Francaise," they meet in the Red Door every Thursday from 4:30-5:30. Students join to speak French in a relaxed yet educational atmosphere. The 20 club members consist of all levels, from freshman and first year French students to seniors and individuals at the 500 level.

Officers plan events along with advisor Dr. Lisa Perfetti such as movie nights, meals, and "La Table." The movies shown are in English with French subtitles, in order to accomodate new French speakers.

Recently, Belgian visitors sat in on "La Table," to speak their native language and to share their culture with Muhlenberg students. They were also interested in establishing an exchange program for one Belgian student to spend the summer in America.

Current projects are the holiday meal, and scheduling a trip to Quebec.

The festive dinner will take place at Dr. Perfetti's house and will consist of traditional French cuisine.

The trip to Quebec is planned for Easter break. Approximately 7 students will travel by van to Canada. In order to fund this, the French Club will be selling donuts and milk in the dorms during finals.

Also planned are trips to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC.

French Club President Jessica Sarro encourages all levels of French students to come out to events.

Other officers of thr French Club are as follows: Jessica Kalamarides-Vice President; Sylvia Sigel-Treasurer; and Donna Liparuio-Secretary.

Anyone interested in either joining the French Club or in receiving more information about them should contact Sarro or Perfetti.

## ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS

**Thursday, October 30**
8:30pm - Robert Channing's ESP & Jim Karol - Garden Room

**Friday, October 31**
Halloween
Family Weekend
8am - 3pm - Attend Classes
Noon - 6pm - Registration - Seegers Union Lobby
5:30pm - The Ghosts of the Muhlenberg Family in the Middle Ages - Gabriel House
6pm - Jewish Shabbat Dinner - Seegers Union 108-110
7pm - 11pm - ATO / DZ Haunted House
8pm - Brigadoon!
8:30pm - Family Basketball Game - Life Sports Center, Memorial Hall
9pm - 11pm - RHA Sponsored Coffeehouse featuring K.J. James - Underground
9pm - 11pm - Karaoke - Red Door Cafe
Midnight - Halloween Movie "Scream" - Red Door Cafe
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Saturday, November 1**
Family Weekend
7am - One-Mile Fun Walk - Front of Seegers Union
8am - Noon - Registration - Seegers Union
9:15am - 10:15am
Meet the Directors - Tour the Stage - Empie Theatre
A Trip Down Memory Lane - Trumbower 130
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10:30am - 11am - State of the College Address - Empie Theatre
10:30am - 1pm - Muhlenberg Sports Nostalgia Sale - Solar Corridor, Life Sports Center
11am - 1pm - Family Weekend Luncheon - Field House
11:15am - Noon - Book Discussions - New West Hall
1pm - Football Game
1pm - Off-campus Trip to Graver Arboretum
2pm - Brigadoon!
5pm - Roman Catholic Mass - Newman Center
8pm - Faculty Recital - Egner Memorial Chapel
8pm - Brigadoon!
8:30pm - MAC Sponsored Hypnotist James Mapes - Garden Room
10:30pm - Kristin Wannisky ('91) - Red Door Cafe
Midnight - Movie "Michael" - Red Door Cafe
11:59pm - 3am - Late Night GQ

**Sunday, November 2**
Family Weekend
10:30pm - Dean's List Recognition Celebration
11am -1pm - Hillel Open House / Bagel Brunch
1pm - Ecumenical Christian Worship
2pm - Brigadoon!
9pm - MAC Movie "Michael" - Red Door Cafe

**Monday, November 3**
3pm - 5pm - Student Body Meeting
9pm - Monday Night Football - Pittsburgh @ Kansas City
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**Tuesday, November 4**
Election Day
8pm - MTA Performance Brigadoon! - CA

**Wednesday, November 5**
5pm - MAC Movie "Jurassic Park" - Red Door Cafe
8pm - Brigadoon!

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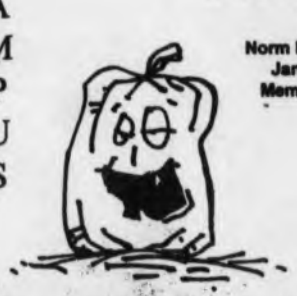

# Editor Ponders the National Football League

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

How sad is the National Football League this season? There are examples too numerous to name. However, since this is a slow news week (other than the stock market, and we all know how excited Muhlenberg students get about that), I will cite some examples.

First and foremost, the New York Giants are in first place, ahead of Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington and Arizona. Three of those four teams have much more talent and none would be clueless enough to start Dave Brown as anything but equipment manager. Sticking with the New York theme, the hapless Jets have a record of five and three and are in second place. Not to mention former successful coaches Dick Vermeil and Mike Ditka have four wins combined. At least Ditka has won two more games than his former team, which is currently sporting a seriously inept record.

As if these aren't enough to grab your attention, the Tampa Bay Bucs are only a game out of first place, and actually playing good football. It isn't surprising that these teams are doing so well. The NFL is so watered down now that anyone that makes the playoffs has a chance to win the Superbowl. There are just no dominant teams anymore. On any given day, the once dominant teams can be destroyed.

It is almost scary that the league is facing expansion by the time the new millenium rolls around. By then, the Raiders will stop getting so many penalties, the Cowboys will be off probation, and the Jets will have finalized a deal that will make Dave Brown the highest paid quarterback in NFL history, at just over fifteen million dollars per season. Brown will then be benched in the second game in favor of Leon Hess' granddaughter. Hess will then be quoted, "We just want a winner, so please welcome back Rich Kotite." It could happen.

Analysts say that there are no dominant quarterbacks anymore. I would disagree. Jim Harbaugh has to have the most dominant right hand in the league. Just ask Jim Kelly, who took a punch last week from Harbaugh (which incidentally broke a bone in Harbaugh's hand and he will not be paid until he can play again). Harbaugh was a tad bit upset after Kelly suggested that he had no toughness, and did not deserve his nickname (Captain Comeback) because he is too soft. Kelly does have a point; Harbaugh's Colts are winless through the first half of the season. It just goes to show how pathetic the league is. A respectable team a few years back goes to the dregs of the league virtually in an instant. There is no depth on any team anymore, so if anyone loses a major contributor, they can essentially write off the season.

Most of the stories of any excitement from the NFL this season have been off the field incidents. There just aren't a lot of exciting teams to watch, so reporters are digging harder for stories. Nonetheless, there just aren't many games to get excited about.

There were two games played on Monday night, October 27. This is almost unheard of. What is even more odd is that the second game played on Monday night was preempted due to game seven of the World Series, which was being played in Florida for the first time ever. To top this off, the Florida team won the World Series. Things this odd could only happen during this football season.

So enjoy the second half of the season. Just be prepared, something really strange is going to happen. It is one of those years when either a dark horse will win it all, or perhaps the Jets blitzkrieg and finish at eight and eight for the year. Dave Brown could even win most the valuable player award. Well, okay, maybe not, but there will be something unusual in the second half of the season. This will be a season to remember.

# Columnist Offers Warmth Tips

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

For the past couple of days increasing wind speed and dropping temperatures are evidence that the winter season is fast approaching. Knit caps, gloves, and heavy jackets have been making their appearances across the campus. As a public service announcement, I would like to offer some advice on how you and your loved ones can keep warm as the holiday season approaches.

1. Build a fire in the scoop of the back hoe that is still ripping down Bernheim and clearing the land. Go find a loved one and some hot chocolate (If you can't find a loved one, try luring a squirrel into the back hoe with you and become lifelong friends).
2. Drink lighter fluid. Light a match. Cough on match. Wait.
3. Go to my Uncle Lester's house when my aunt makes her famous "Five Alarm Chili".
4. Call the White House and tell President Clinton that you are making it your goal in life to ban "all night drive-thru" windows at fast food places across the nation. Wait for the bombs to drop on your house.
5. Rent Richard Simmons' new workout video, "Sweatin' to the Spice Girls".
6. Sit in the Library B Level computer lab. (I swear if we ever slip into another ice age I'm hangin' out there because the temperature in that place will never go below 85 degrees).
7. Really big flashlight.
8. After campus safety controls the riots (otherwise known as Muhlenberg College Friday and Saturday nights) lay on the hood of their car.
9. Cook giant turkey and use yourself as stuffing.

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EXCUSE ME IF I ADDRESS YOU TWO HOT BABES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR ENTIRE GENDER...
...BUT YOU'RE DRIVING US MEN SCHIZO!!
YOU SAY YOU WANT SENSITIVE MEN... GENTLE MEN... NURTURING, LOVING VERSE-SPOUTING MEN...
...BUT YOU REALLY WANT CHISELED, LUMPY, HUNKY SLIGHTLY SWEATY STUD-MUFFIN MEN!
WHAT TO BE... WHAT TO BE... THIS OR THAT... DONAHUE OR THOR...
BE HONEST FOR ONCE! WE'RE ALL CONFUSED! HOW SHOULD WE BE?!
JUST BE TRUE TO YOURSELF. WOMEN FIND THAT SEXY.
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...A LITTLE HONESTY!
I LIKE MY SUB-POLAR SEA BIRDS VEGETARIAN.
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# Columnist Argues People's Influence in Each Other's Lives

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

Can you make a difference? I think you already have, maybe you didn't realize it. Everything you do has an effect on someone else, and everything someone else does has an effect on you. The size of the campus has a great deal to do with the positive or negative results that you may indirectly feel because of another's actions. Those effects may be larger or smaller depending upon the directness of the actions taken towards you i.e., if someone writes a unsavory note to you (direct) or if your prof. has a fender bender on the way to work and indirectly takes it out in his class notes. Over fall break someone made a direct impact in my life; a borrowed tent was stolen from my campsite. Not only did I feel the effects of someone else's actions, but my roommates, and other's in close proximity to me, felt the effects based upon my interrupted attitude towards them. Whoever stole my tent had no idea that the depth of his/her actions would be felt all the way back in Allentown.

Whoever stole my tent also had no regard for the types of feelings or impact that it directly had in terms of my day or the rest of my break. In order to do something of this magnitude a person couldn't possibly think of anyone but themselves and their own well being. I should hate to think that a person, no less a thief, with any type of respectable moral fibers would assume such an impressionable attitude; no regard for the situation that his/her actions placed an unsuspecting party of fall-breaker's in. Do you think you've ever done something so drastic and underminded to someone else? I wouldn't believe that you made this type of impression on purpose or consciously. It probably happened in such a way that you never realized the depth of such an impression on the life of another. If you had realized the extent of your impact surely you would have taken corrective measures to apologize or make up for your actions. I'd like to think that you would, but maybe you wouldn't. Sometimes people just don't stop to think about things, like when a person backs out of their driveway directly in front of you. They probably never saw you approaching in their blind spot and just assumed that the coast was clear, yet we are all quick to feel anger in such situations. I know that I'm the first one to express my disapproval of someone else's actions through subsequent hand gestures and certain catch phrases. Hey, did you ever think that it was because you were at fault; because you were doing fifty miles an hour in a thirty five mph zone? Could this be the basic reason that another person backed out in front of you, no, of course not; they were the ones that made you lay on your horn and brakes simultaneously. They didn't see anyone approaching and assumed it okay to proceed because you weren't there two seconds ago, but at such a high rate of speed you sure gained on them fast enough. It's always the other person whom we find at fault, in many similar instances people judge another based on the same criterion; the way they make an impression on you. What if, when you leaned out the window to flip the other driver off, you realized that it was your mother in the other car; she likewise realizing her relationship to you.. If you would continue with the blatant gesture anyway, seek professional help! Okay so maybe it's not your mom; maybe it's the person with whom you had an interview with later that morning, who was running just as late as you.

In either case you suddenly realize how much of your life affects the other people on this small bubble of a planet. Also you understand how quickly and how much your ability to change another's life may be. Realizing how so many different folks can make a difference in your life forces you to be conscious of the difference you've made or will someday make to someone else. After all, it's not just ourselves helping ourselves that makes it easier to accomplish your daily plans... More often it's the slight gestures of a friend or the nod of a head that keeps us going. Sometimes the things that keep us going, and striving for more throughout the day are overshadowed by the negative events that have happened. Don't forget the note that someone has sent you in the mail or left on your desk because those little things can sometimes put the pep back in our step! Also, the person who was a jerk off on the way to class, he's probably a person just like you too. Thanks Mare's. Next week, more propaganda!

STAN THE MULE
by Subbio
So, another Parents' Weekend, Stanrie boy! When do we get to meet your new roomate?
Yeah, we've heard so much about him!
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
Where do you think he is, Stan?
I don't know; maybe he's still sleeping
Knock knock
Sleeping?! It's two in the afternoon!
Hmmm... I hope that he... nooooo. He's had to have... please, let him have!
...just let him have...
Changed from last night's Halloween party...
Umm
Oooo! I like your shoes!

# Women's soccer team wins six in a row

## *Lady Mules have set school records for assists, goals, and consecutive wins*

**by Jess Hirsh**
**Editorial Assistant**

The women's soccer team has amassed a fantastic record of 9-6-2 and 4-3 in the Centennial Conference so far this year, winning their last six games in a row.

Last week the Mules went on and defeated Alvernia 8-1 and Franklin & Marshall, a ranked team, by the score of 1-0.

*Junior Celina Boer set the school record for goals in a season with 13*

Freshmen Kerri Weldoski, Jennifer Hartman and Carli Littenberg all scored their first career goals in the Alvernia game. In the F&M game, Jen Sands scored the only goal and Jackie Vanderstreet made 14 saves, making it her 14th shutout.

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On Tuesday the Mules defeated Swarthmore in yet another shutout. Senior co-captian Denise Diorio made her final home game a memorable one, scoring a goal off a feed from Celina Boer in the ninth minute of the Swarthmore game. The win against Swarthmore was a school-record setting sixth in a row.

The careers of seniors Laurie Kennedy and Denise Diorio will end on Saturday when they go to Western Maryland.

This week's player of the week honors was given to Jackie Vanderstreet by the Centennial Conference. Vanderstreet ranks second in the conference with a goals-against average of 0.70.

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If the Lady Mules win their Saturday game this week, they will tie the school record for wins in a season with ten.

The team has scored a school record 34 goals this season. Junior Celina Boer has tied a school record with 13 goals, and Jen Sands set a school record with nine assists.

# National Sports Update

The Florida Marlins celebrated their World Series title Tuesday night with 70,000 of their fans at a Miami's Pro Player Stadium. What's being billed as "the grandest World Series party in history" caps off a day of parades and rallies for the Marlins.

The Buffalo Bills have lost star linebacker Chris Spielman for the rest of the season with a herniated disc in his neck. Spielman had complained of numbness the past few weeks, but appeared in all eight games for the Bills and is tied for the team lead in tackles. The four-time Pro Bowler set Bills record with 206 tackles last season.

Tackle Anthony Munoz and linebacker Mike Singletary are among the list of first-time nominees eligible for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 1998.

Baseball's all-time saves leader Lee Smith wants to come out of retirement. The 39-year old seven-time All Star retired in July after being used sparingly by the Montreal Expos this season. Smith says he's ready to return to the mound, and is willing to pitch whenever he's needed.


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# Soccer team beats Washington 4-1

by Seth Leichter
*Weekly* sports writer

As the season approaches its end we enter into the home stretch. This is the time of the year when the league becomes separated. Separated into men and boys, good and mediocre, contenders and pretenders. "This is the time to ante up and kick in like men, LIKE MEN!"("Glory")

The Mules have had an impressive season thus far. Their hard work and dedication to success has put them in a position to make the postseason. With an 11-4-1 record overall, 5-0-1 in the Centennial Conference, the Mules are ranked second in the region and fourteenth in the nation. Coming off a tough 1-0 loss in overtime against Haverford on October 22nd, the boys in gray battled it out against Washington last Saturday on Varsity Field.

The stage was set for a real gritty muddy match as the cold and rainy conditions made the pitch, or field, slick and tough to play on.

'Berg started out very strong in the first half. Using good movement with and without the ball to create offensive opportunities, the Mules got a plethora of solid chances deep in the Washington end. The washed up Washington defense allowed 6 corner kicks in the first half.

The Mules were patient and smart with their decision making which is what led to the first goal of the game as freshman standout Brad Kocher "Cola" sent a peach of a pass into the middle of the Washington box that Tim "Dog" O'Donohue dove for and headed into the net. Way to sacrifice your body for the ball, buddy.

The Mules continued to pressure the Washington net as Erico "Suave" Hohman came away empty handed twice. The first off of a near miss from a restart and the second after a string of crisp passes in the offensive zone that allowed him to get a good shot that was blocked out of bounds to create another opportunity in the form of a corner kick.

Later in the half Johan "nibal Leichter" Hohman(no pun intended) was puttin on the moves as if he were Dick Clark on American Bandstand with a couple of fancy schmancy dekes that faked the defense out of their jocks, but failed to convert. Oh, but don't worry, Johand "is quicker than the eye" wasn't finished.

At the 11:35 mark Todd Ervindicated the ball from its misery on the field as he tapped tap, tap, taperooed the ball to Johan "Happy" Hohman who sent the ball to its natural place: the goal off of a restart at the top of the box. With the assist, Todd Ervin moved into 4th place on the all-time list.

In the second half it was more of the same as the well oiled machine known as the Muhlenberg soccer team opened up the second half with several solid chances including two goals. The first by rookie sensation Brad "I ain't no" Kocher. Kocher took a Jason "The Argonaut" Vivino redirect from a corner kick in the box to record his first goal. The Mules added again to the lead with a goal by Eric "Gerardo" Hohman.

The game ended with a 4-1 win. The Mules have to lock horns with Swarthmore on Saturday at home at 4:00. This is a Centennial Conference match so there is a lot riding on it. Come support the Mules during their last leg of the regular season as they gun for a playoff berth.

# Field hockey loses four straight

by Eric Hildebrand
*Weekly* sports writer

The Women's Field hockey team has dropped four straight after losing 3 games this past week to Swathmore, King's and Dickinson. The team has had many periods of good play in the past four games, but has been unable to put the ball in the cage. The team has scored only 3 goals during the losing streak.

"I'm not disappointed," Coach Laurie Kerr said of the team's performance, "We just have to find a way to score, and once we do score we have to keep the lead."

The Lady Mules' 3-0 loss to the Swathmore represented a good Muhlenberg effort against an overpowering team. Swathmore was ranked 11th in Division III coming into the game and they have the three top scores in Conference, Senior Danielle Duffy and Juniors Holly Baker and Lurah Hess. The Lady Mules were outshot 13-1 and out cornered 13-5 in the losing effort.

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The Team's loss to King's College was much tougher. Muhlenberg stuck first when Freshman mid-fielder Kristin George got her own rebound and put the ball past the King's goalie with eight minutes remaining in the first half. King's came out strong in the second half scoring after only three minutes had expired.

Muhlenberg answered, regaining the lead with 31:33 left in the game. Sophomore Kim Brady scored her third goal of the year when she cut in front of a shot from Freshman Cheryl Taft and pushed it by the opposing goalie.

King's college fought back and tied the game up with twenty-three minutes left. It appeared the game would go into overtime, but King's scored the winning goal with only one minute remaining in the game, handing Muhlenberg their 9th loss of the season.

The Lady Mules ended their tough week at home against Dickinson, where they hoped they could continue the magic of last years 5-4 win in overtime. Unfortunately, the high scoring of last years game was reversed into a low scoring fight.

The defense played well during regulation, allowing only nine shots and 4 penalty corners. However, Muhlenberg could not get the ball into the cage, the Lady Mules had only 1 shot and 1 penalty corner during the first half.

They came out stronger in the second half with 6 shots and 7 corners, but to no avail. Dickinson ended the game with a goal four minutes into the first overtime, giving Muhlenberg it's second straight overtime loss after winning 9 straight over the past two years. The Field Hockey team hopes to end the season on a winning note Saturday against Bryn Mawr.

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# Profile of a Mule: Lauren Buyyounouski

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Editorial Assistant**

Lauren Buyyounouski was looking for a small school that was close to home where she could play volleyball. Luckily, Muhlenberg recognized Lauren's great talents, and Lauren recognized Muhlenberg's numerous assets. The rest as they say, is history.

In fact, Lauren has made a great impact on Muhlenberg's volleyball history, and wasted no time in doing so. The first week of her freshman year, Lauren was recognized as the Centennial Conference's Player of the Week, which is awarded to a player who has shown a remarkable performance over the past week.

As a freshman she also placed on the Second Centennial Conference Team which, in conjunction with the First Centennial Conference Team, consists of the 12 best players in the Conference.

As a sophomore she was on the Second Team, and was recognized as the Player of the Week, for the second time. As a junior, Lauren held a place on the First Centennial Conference Team, meaning that she was one of the six top volleyball players in the Conference. Consistent with the tradition that Lauren established, as a senior, she was named Player of .The Week for the third year.

Over her four year stint on the women's volleyball team, Lauren has broken 19 school records including the record for career kills, career digs and career service aces.

Even with all of Lauren's individual successes and triumphs, she is a dedicated member of the volleyball team and would not trade anything for the experiences and valuable lessons she has learned from her participation on Muhlenberg's Women's Volleyball team.

According to Lauren, among other things, her years on the team have taught her "what you can't learn in the classroom. "

She has learned how to get along with others, and how valuable the virtue of patience can be. Buyyounouski "hates to leave [them] because next year they are going to have a great team, as far as ability goes."

She continued, "We're more than just teammates. I'm going to miss them."

Lauren's teammates value her as a player and an individual as much as she values their support.

Senior Nicole Goscilo imparted that "despite all of [Lauren's] records and things she achieved, the one thing that matters to her most is the *team*, and the *team* winning."

Lauren attributes her success on the team to "a lot of training" and support from the team itself.

In addition, Buyyounouski also attributes her success to her parents who "always supported [her] and pushed her through no matter what.".

Eight years of encouragement from her parents, her coaches, her teammates and most importantly her own perseverence have all come together to make Lauren Buyyounouski the oustanding volleyball player that she is today.

And the lessons that she has learned while playing on the volleyball team, including the virtues of patience and tolerance, will no doubt make Lauren the outstanding elementary school teacher that she hopes to be in the future.

# Editor-in-Chief discusses the World Series

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

The dust has finally fallen on the 1997 World Series. Even though the series went seven games and ended in fairly tale fashion, the series was one that could easily be forgotten.

The series was doomed from the beginning. The Florida Marlins, a team that wasn't in existence five years ago, should not have existed in this series. Florida, who couldn't beat the Atlanta Braves in the 162-game season, slid into the playoffs by the football style wild card.

After luckily entering the playoffs, the wild card Marlins luckily drew the San Francisco Giants in the Divisional Playoff Series. San Francisco was not the best division record, but that doesn't matter in baseball. The wild card team is given as good a chance as division winners to win the World Series.

While the Marlins did win a good series to win the National League, they still did not deserve to make it to the World Series.

On the other side, the Cleveland Indians might have been the worst team possible to make it to the World Series. The Baltimore Orioles were the most dominant team in baseball during the entire year. The New York Yankees had the number one television market to add to a World Series appearance. Not to mention Jeffery Maier and a line-up full of all-stars. The Seattle Mariners had Ken Griffey, Jr., the greatest player in baseball.

Instead, the Cleveland Indians made it to the World Series. A team that struggled to the win the mediocre American League Central .

Once the two teams got there, they continued to show why they did not deserve to win the series. The World Series was marred by poorly played games that took four hours to play. By starting at 8:15 p.m., no one wanted to see these games.

The series also lacked good subplots. Other than Livon Hernandez's mother flying in from Cuba, there were no good story lines. The 1996 World Series had so many great ones. Joe Torre's brother in the hospital or Darryl Strawberry's career revival are great stories.

The 1996 World Series seemed to be the start of a revitalized games. The 1997 World Series did the exact opposite. Baseball needs to do something about the early start times and long games in case teams this bad make it back to the 1998 World Series.

Delta Zeta congratulates Brett Rackoff, the winner of the DZ 50/50 raffle!

**Delta Zeta thanks all of the sisters who participated in the breast cancer walk on Saturday, October 25.**

# Cross country teams both take first place

## *Mules battle Albright, Lycoming, Del. Valley, and a swarm of bees*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Despite the serenity of the cross-country course; its meadows, its streams, its woods; there is something a little menacing about it, for who knows what one will find in those woods? Like the Forest Primeval of a Grimm's fairy tale, countless hazards exist within its dark confines.

Sometimes there is nothing out of the ordinary, but other times the cross-country runner has to deal with not only the usual physical rigors of the changing terrain and mental exhaustion but also the surprises that lurk there in the woods.

At Delaware Valley, Muhlenberg was dealing quite well with the rigors. The women's team, running first, dominated this race, notching another victory, solidly defeating Albright College, Lycoming College, and host Delaware Valley College. The Mules had lost to Albright at two invitationals previously this fall, but the team showed great effort to vanquish Albright at last.

Freshman Laura Roth led the Mules, finishing in second place overall after 21:04. Sophomore Elissa Murphy placed third overall (21:23), ahead of sophomore Cindy Bredefeld (5th, 22:16), sophomore Lauren Weisenberger (7th, 22:28), freshman Lynn Garzella (11th, 22:49), junior Katy duFosse (12th, 22:51), junior Sue Van Riper (18th, 23:56), junior Jackie Miners (27th, 24:58), and sophomore Jennie Love (31st, 26:28).

Roth and Murphy shared Runner of the Week honors. By securing second and third places, respectively, Muhlenberg was able to hold off the top Albright runners and thus ensure the team victory. As the men took their turn striding over the hills and through the glades of Delaware Valley, the forest provided a new, unforeseen obstacle.

It was at about the midpoint of the course when one of the lead runners accidentally stepped on a beehive in the ground. The entire hive emerged to defend their nest against wave after wave of the human invaders.

Cross-country's five and one-quarter miles of steep hills and quick descents is usually enough to totally exhaust even the toughest of runners. This swarm of bees could have been enough to push the harriers over the edge.

Over half the men's team was stung, some multiple times, but they refused to notice. The adrenaline pumping in their veins made them impervious to pain. Sure, eight bee stings hurt, but the Mules would not feel the hurt, only after they had won, only after they had accomplished their mission in Delaware Valley would they allow themselves the luxury of feeling pain.

Hundreds of bees were no match for the Mules, nor was anyone else, as the Cardinal Red and Gray defeated the Yellow and Black, just as easily as they bested their human opponents.

Sophomore Bill McElroy led the Mules, finishing 2nd overall (29:25), followed by senior James Batzell (3rd, 30:18), and sophomore Sean Daubert (5th, 30:31). Senior and Co-Captain Josh McHale rounded out the top five (8th, 31:00).

McHale put forth great effort throughout the whole race, and as he came into the home stretch he was neck and neck with a key competitor. The crowd watched, wondering which of these exhausted athletes would find the strength to cross first. McHale, perhaps by pure force of will, pushed ahead to win this race-within-a-race, sealing Muhlenberg's third total victory this season, tying the men's team record. McHale was named Runner of the Week.

Senior Co-Captain Peter Dunlaevy finished next (10th, 31:33), followed by senior Neal Sheridan (14th, 32:10), freshman Chris Catalano (16th, 32:43), senior Samir Pandya (18th, 33:00), junior Matt Hayn (27th, 34:30), senior Carl Magdefrau (33rd, 37:09), sophomore Matt Hazelton (34th, 37:16), and Reed Richards (36th, 38:33).

# Volleyball team beats Wilkes

## *Junior Meredith Cole records her first triple-double in the five-game win*

**by Katie Lederman**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The Lady Mules volleyball team wrapped up a strong season with a positive attitude.

"The recent win to Wilkes showed maturity and focus from the team," said Head Coach Mike Krause.

Despite three fire alarms going off during the game, Meredith Cole had her first triple-double with 12 kills, 10 digs, and 10 blocks.

Sophomore Allison Verduin had 14 kills and junior Jen Morgan had eight kills to help the offense.

The defense was led by senior Rebecca Lebo with 11 digs. The Wilkes match went into five games with the scores of 15-5, 9-15, 13-15, 15-5, and 18-16.

Throughout the season, the Lady Mules volleyball team had trouble with serve receptions and off speed shoots. As the season comes to a close their receptions have improved.

"The team has stayed together through adversity, and we are sending our seniors off with gratuity," Krause said.

Departing seniors are Lauren Buyyounouski, Nicole Goscilo, and Rebecca Lebo. Reflecting on her career here at Muhlenberg, Buyyounouski said, "I have really grown and matured as a person. The competition, the players, and the team has taught me so much. I am going to miss everyone."

The Lady Mules finish up their season on Wednesday, October 29 against Ursinus. Currently, they are 5-4 in league play and 14-10 overall.

Though they had their difficulties on the court, the Mules look forward to next season with a positive attitude.

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football: Sat. 11/1 home vs. Ursinus @ 1:00**

**Men's soccer: Sat. 11/1 home vs. Swarthmore @ 11:00**

**Women's soccer: Sat. 11/1 at Western Maryland**

**Field hockey: Sat. 11/1 at Bryn Mawr**

**Cross country: Sat. 11/1 at Centennial Conference Championships**

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# Football team riddled by Bullets

## *Despite offensive explosion, Mules lose to Gettysburg*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Things were looking great. After Gettysburg's opening kickoff went into the endzone, Muhlenberg advanced the ball 75 yards from their own 20 to the Gettysburg 5. Everything was working. Running back Jason Brader ripped through the Gettysburg lines. Quarterback and Captain George Fosdick could not miss, moving the ball with passes to Chuck Draper and Captain Paul Peri. In five quick minutes the Mules had a third-and-one on the Gettysburg 5 yard line. It appeared that Muhlenberg was all set to once again spoil Gettysburg's Homecoming.

Fosdick handed off to Mike Martino who rushed straight up the middle. But the Bullets' defense held. Martino was tackled back at the line of scrimmage. It was fourth and one.

Showing typical Muhlenberg offensive aggressiveness, Head Coach Mike Donnelly decided to go for it. Martino ran the ball up the middle again, and did not convert. The Gettysburg line held.

Then, in five quick plays, most notably an 87-yard touchdown pass, Gettysburg advanced from their 5 into the Mule endzone.

Muhlenberg, after starting out dominant, was forced to play catch-up for the rest of the game.

While at one point in the third quarter the Bullets would extend their lead to nearly 20 points, Muhlenberg refused to quit, cutting the lead to five early in the fourth quarter, looking sure to score again and wrench a victory from the jaws of defeat. Yet Mule mental errors and the tenacious Gettysburg special teams made for a final score of 45-33.

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| Muhlenberg | 33 |
| Gettysburg | 45 |

Gettysburg used the Winged-T formation as their principle offense. Were Ph.D.s given for Football, the Winged-T would be the topic of countless dissertations, for it is a formation steeped in the intricacies of football strategy, giving a team the choices of running a Trap, a Buck Sweep, a Bootleg pass, or even a Belly-option.

However, the essence of the Winged-T is to confuse the defense with all these possibilities; stopping this formation requires absolute discipline in the execution of defensive assignments.

Two of the Mules' remaining three foes—Carnegie Mellon and Moravian—also use this offense. In these games the Mules will be able to see if they learned their lesson against Gettysburg.

This loss is particularly frustrating as the Mule offense has improved to the point of being one of the premier attacks in the league. The Mules advanced 587 total yards, setting a new Centennial Conference record for first downs, 35, topping the record they set two weeks prior (33) in their 60-14 drubbing of Swarthmore College.

*Quarterback George Fosdick hands the ball off. Fosdick completed 33 passes for 355 yards.*

Fosdick continued to be outstanding in the air. His 33 completions in 47 attempts became a new school record, his astounding 355 yards was the third-best single-game total in Muhlenberg history. Fosdick has passed for 1,712 yards this season.

Brader continued to prove that he is not only the best running back in the Centennial Conference but also one of the best in all of Division III, running for 218 yards and three touchdowns. Brader's 1,072 season yards leaves him only 131 short of Muhlenberg's season rushing record, a record Brader seems destined to rewrite before the year ends.

Kevin Cannon was the leading receiver Saturday, catching 13 passes for 148 yards. Draper caught 8 passes for 75 yards, Matt Lunn caught 4 passes for 53 yards and two touchdowns.

The Mule offense now averages 440 yards per game; good statistics in any league. However, defense and special teams will have to show that they are also a force to be reckoned with.

# Cheerleading squad looking for the respect they deserve

**by Jess Hirsh**
**Editorial Assistant**

"Rah Rah Rhee!!" shout the cheerleaders at a home football game. Georgette Weaver and Barbara Hinski, co-captains of the varsity team, bring the girls together to practice their cheers and stunts.

Jennifer Meyerson, Katherine Vivinetto, Julie Kaltenbaugh, Jennifer Tomich, Susanne Klockner, Tammy Buffton, Stacey Armo, and Marni Baxt work together to form what they think to be a very good team.

"One of the best in the division we believe" said Julie Kaltenbaugh. Even when they are not practicing, the cheerleaders are found throughout the campus lending a helping hand.

They are very active in the Muhlenberg community and have the highest GPA of all the varsity sports.

Some of the cheerleaders do have concerns about how others view them as a team. They strongly believe that they are a sport on this campus and work as hard as any other team. The only difference being that they don't compete against other schools. Cheerleaders hope to get the respect they deserve and are determined not to give up hope.

The Muhlenberg cheerleading squad has made many improvements since Georgette Weaver's freshman year. They continue to strive and reach for the skies learning new stunts. Nothing gets them down.

Their smiling faces and their great routines liven up a Saturday afternoon football game. They are always confident on the field and continue to boost the confidence of the players as well. So, on Saturday, support the cheerleaders by joining them as they wave their pompoms and shout the cheers. They deserve it!!!

*The girls of the cheerleading squad*

**Go out and support the girls participating in the powder puff football game during halftime of the football game this Saturday.**

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# Student Body Meeting addresses campus-wide issues

## *Despite lack of student attendance, Bill of Rights presented and passed*

**by Heidi Herder**
**Assistant News Editor**

The Student Council held its semesterly Student Body meeting Monday afternoon in Trumbower 130. The productive meeting had a disappointing attendance with only seventeen non-Student Council members, five of whom were *Weekly* editors, present. Despite this appalling lack of attendance, many relevant topics were discussed.

By a unanimous vote a Student Bill of Rights was passed. These formal rights expand upon those already present in the Student Handbook and better clarify where students actually stand.

Craig Nussbaum, IFC president, informed that the Greek system at Muhlenberg is planning on taking a more active role in freshman orientation next year with the possibility of having a candid meeting with the incoming students about fraternity parties and rules. It is their hope that this may alleviate some of the problems that occur every year with the drinking of underclassmen.

The fraternities are also in agreement to begin a new policy concerning trouble at the houses. Any student who creates a problem at any one house will have his/her name taken and will not be allowed at any of the other houses for a certain period of time.

When questioned on the status of Delta Tau Delta, Nussbaum reported that they are "on probation," meaning that they are on temporary status. They are actively participating in IFC and in the community, and are awaiting formal recognition.

As reported several weeks ago in the Weekly, Phi Kappa Tau will, "most likely" be returning next year with their formal rush beginning after that of the other fraternities. As to whether they will get their house back, the issue is still too uncertain to tell. Of course this is still not definite.

*Dave Silber at the healm of the meeting.*

Mark Urban gave an update on the status of the Senior Class, highlighting the Senior Ball. This year's Ball will be held at the Woodlands Resort on Friday April 24 (see related article on page 5). Also discussed was the possibility of changing the traditional 100 days to graduation celebration to 150 days to graduation in honor of the sesquicentennial. Since the 150th day falls on December 20 when no one will be here, the starting date will be held before the end of the semester.

The success of Student Council sponsored Powder Puff led to the discussion of the possibility of making female football an Intramural sport. There seems to be a great deal of interest and next year we may see the "Super Bowl" of Powder Puff during half time of the Parent's Weekend football game.

Also acknowledged was the community service project that occurred on Halloween providing neighborhood children with a safe environment for their trick-or-treating endeavors. Although the neighbors seemed skeptical at first to have college students on the street corners, once they realized the service they were providing, many seemed very pleased. On an even more positive note, despite the ordinance, two new Mile Houses have been purchased for senior residence.

As the meeting opened for suggestions or comments the idea of expanding the ability of student ID cards to include usage of copy machines and the washer and dryers was brought about. This would prove rather expensive to the college, the possibility of it remains in the future.

If you have any suggestions for further improvement of student life, Student Council would love to hear them. Feel free to contact any Student Council member with your input.

# "Curation" breaks onto the Muhlenberg literary scene

## *Student inspired and produced literary magazine aims to foster creativity*

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

If you haven't seen one yet, you're sure to stumble across one soon. And if you have seen one, then you're sure to remember the pure feeling and attitude and emotion you experienced when reading it.

"Curation", the fairly new and controversial literary magazine on campus has made its presence known from the moment it began.

Last spring, a few students began to recognize the need for literary outlets other than those available.

On-campus literary organizations seemed poorly run and even apathetic. So, they decided to do something about it.

Rennie Jaffe, Aimee Pelletier and Jes Jackson were three very key players in this adventurous new literary undertaking. "We wanted to create something very collective in nature" Jaffe states.

The magazine is intended to be something by the students and something for the students. "Curation" is a conglomeration of stories, poems, rants and raves, art and photography, to name just a few. No submission is turned down and all forms of expression are welcome.

All of the works in the magazine are done by Muhlenberg students as well as the production itself. Also, there is no editing done to student works; everything is published exactly as it is received - a direct reflection of the student author's intent. "Curation" is meant to be a new and very open channel through which students may express themselves to their peers.

Jaffe stressed, "The magazine is not snobby or disassociated from campus. All submissions are welcome and even encouraged".

He also made it clear that "Curation" is not in competition with any other literary presence on campus.

"Curation is just meant to be another option for students" Rennie stated. Submissions are accepted perpetually, and production is dependent solely on submissions.

Again, all student work is welcome and no submission is turned down. If you wish to submit to "Curation" feel free to contact Rennie Jaffe at x4225. Submittors may be asked to donate something to offset the costs of publication.

The magazine is published approximately three times per semester. Publication includes a simple photocopy-and-staple routine of about eighty issues. According to Jaffe, publication is once again being scheduled for about three weeks in the future.

The issues will be distributed by hand and some can be obtained in Seager's Union. No advertising is used - all knowledge of "Curation" travels by word of mouth alone, so watch carefully.

"Curation" is not Student Council sponsored, so the magazine sports a sort of raw, rough finish. This, to its creators, is simply part of its charm.

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# Nationline

Things happening around the world.
Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

New York, New York—U. S. District Judge Kevin Duffy told jurors they would probably begin deliberations Wednesday in the trial of Ramzi Yousef, the alleged ringleader of the World Trade Center bombing. Noting the goverment's presentations of "indisputable scientific evidence," the prosecution told jurors that they should convict Yousef for his involvement in the February 26, 1993, attack. The bombing killed six people and injured more than 1,000. If convicted, Yousef could face life in prison.

Cambridge, Massachusetts—A trial judge was asked Monday to overturn a murder verdict in the trial of a British au pair, or at least reduce the verdict to manslaughter. Louise Woodward, 19, was sentenced to life in prison Friday, after a jury declared her guilty of second-degree murder in the shaking death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. A manslaughter charge - which the defense had convinced the judge to eliminate as a choice for the jury - would allow Woodward to be paroled sooner than the murder conviction. Prosecutors opposed the defense request Monday, arguing that the murder conviction was "supported by the weight of the evidence."

Fairfax, Virginia—A Pakistani man, prosecutors claim bore a grudge against the CIA, pleaded innocent Monday to a shooting spree outside the spy agency's gates four years ago. Mir Aimal Kasi could face the death penalty, if convicted of the January 25, 1993, attack, which left two CIA employees dead and three other people injured. Jury selection is expected to last about two days. FBI agents arrested him in Pakistan in June.

Pontiac, Michigan—Prosecutors want to try an 11-year-old murder suspect with a history of violence as an adult in connection with a Halloween shooting death. The boy was charged as a juvenile Saturday with first-degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder and two felony weapons charges in the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old stranger. When police arrested the 4-foot-9, 65-pound sixth-grader Friday, with his face painted for Halloween, some officers thought at first that it was a joke.

Denver, Colorado—Opening statements in the second Oklahoma City bombing trial began Monday, nearly 2 1/2 years after the attack blew the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building apart and killed 168 people. Terry Nichols is accused of robbing a gun dealer to raise money for the bombing, helping Timothy McVeigh hide a getaway car and helping assemble the bomb. He faces the same murder, conspiracy and weapons charges for which a jury convicted McVeigh five months ago and sentenced him to die.

Spokane, Washington--An 11-year-old boy called police from a cellular phone and said: "I've been shot, and my mom shot me," authorities said. Police responding to the call late Saturday found a 31-year-old woman and a 6-year-old boy shot to death inside a car along an isolated road. The 11-year-old was in serious, but stable condition Sunday with a gunshot wound to the chest. The bodies have not yet been identified, but a local television station reported Sunday that the dead woman was the mother of the two boys.

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# Campus Safety Notes

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

10/25/97 - Providing Alcohol to Minors - ATO - Referred to Dean's Office
10/27/97 - Fake ID - 22nd and Chew Streets - Referred to Dean's Office
10/27/97 - Injured Student - CA - Back spasms
10/27/97 - Harassment by Communication - Walz - student-on-student
10/28/97 - Vandalism - Walz - large hole in wall in ground floor
10/29/97 - Assist other agency - Prosser - attempt to locate student who lives off-campus
10/30/97 - Fire/Safety Violation - ML - discharge of dry chemical from extinguisher
10/30/97 - Fire alarm - 2221 Chew St./Millerheim House - steam from shower
10/30/97 - Report of Smoke - 2223 Chew St./Henrietta House - washing machine belt
10/30/97 - Lost/Stolen Money - Ettinger 101 A - FOUND
10/31/97 - Intoxicated person - Walz Hall - underage drinking - Referred to Dean's Office
10/31/97 - Vandalism - Walz Hall - wood panel above doorway in middle of the basement hallway
10/31/97 - Harassment by Communication - Prosser Campus Safety office - said obscene things to dispatcher
10/31/97 - Sick Student - ML - diabetic shock
10/31/97 - Harassment by Communication - Prosser - student-on-student
10/31/97 - Harassment - Benfer - student-on-student - Referred to Dean's Office
11/1/97 - Controlled Substance - Walz - Drug and Drug Paraphernalia - Referred to Dean's Office
11/1/97 - Unregistered Guests - Walz - Referred to Dean's Office
11/1/97 - Intoxicated Visitor - Walz - non-student, juvenile underage consumption - report to APD
11/1/97 - Alcohol Violation - Walz - underage possession - Referred to Dean's Office
11/1/97 - Criminal Mischief - 320 N. 22nd St./DZ house - eggs thrown at building
11/1/97 - Medical Transport - Prosser - broken hand
11/2/97 - Suspicious Person - 2400 block of Chew St. - white male, 50-60 years of age, white hair, tan trench coat, glasses, boat shoes.
11/2/97 - Theft - 23rd St. parking lot - attempted theft and theft from vehicle
11/2/97 - Underage Possession Alcohol Violation - East Quad - Referred to Dean's Office
11/2/97 - Suspicious Vehicle - CA - suspicious activity and trespassing - 3 non-students all issued Letters of Trespass
11/2/97 - Trespass - Chapel - disruptive behavior - given Letter of Trespass
11/3/97 - Vandalism - Prosser - someone put super glue in a door lock
11/3/97 - Unauthorized Entry - ML - into a room, nothing missing
11/3/97 - Theft - East laundry room - suspicious person - theft - white male, olive colored skin, dark hair, clean cut, medium build, gray sweatshirt with black lettering and jeans, 18-20 years old
11/4/97 - Unauthorized entry - 2206 Chew St. - garage, nothing missing

If you see anything suspicious in the parking lots, call Campus Safety right away.


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# "Magic Show" serves as an afternoon delight for young students

by Noelle Donnelly
*Weekly* news writer

Do you know how to make pennies float on water? Can you tear aluminum cans in half with your hands? Do you know what goes into a flaming pink hurricane?

These tricks and more were demonstrated for eighty-five sixth grade students from Ironton Elementary School. These students witnessed this show during their visit to Trumbower on Monday.

These sixth grade students learned how much chemistry interacts with real life. The students learned about chemical and physical changes, the different reactions acid can have on various metals, what liquid nitrogen does to a balloon, and they got to have fun at the same time!

The sixth graders watched shaving creme grow as air pressure was removed from a vacuum. Methane soap bubbles were ignited before their eyes. They saw explosions, a witch's brew, and even witnessed Dr. Shive fire a nerf cannon ball at Mrs. Sell!

So, if you ever need to barbecue a pickle or make elephant toothpaste, the Ironton sixth graders could show you how.

Dr. Shive, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Russell, Dr. Smith, and Mrs. Sell definitely organized an educational, as well as a fun, demonstration; a testimony to their own love of teaching! It was a great show.

*Members of Alpha Phi Omega, a coed community service fraternity, spent Halloween volunteering at the Good Shepherd Care Facility for their annual party. Chris Katrinak, Anne Hundzinski, Kristina Dougherty, Wes Miller, Becca Abensur and Gillian Lotz don festive costumes as they danced the afternoon away with residents. Awards were given for the scariest, funniest, and most original costumes. Everyone had a great time and one student commented, "It was nice to go brighten up someone else's day." A day well spent.*

# 'Berg students host Trick-or-Treaters

by Emily Pannebaker
*Weekly* news writer

A haunted house, a table of "icky things," face painting, and many other festive activities entertained over 50 children from Central Elementary School at a Halloween party held in the Underground.

This is the first year a Halloween party has been held at Muhlenberg. The idea originated from sophomore Sam Stein, who volunteered at a party before transferring to Muhlenberg last semester.

He started advertising the Halloween extravaganza and the need for volunteers about a month ago. He wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped organize and run the party.

"It was a great success and it worked out really well for the kids," he said.

Stein describes the amount of volunteers as "phenomenal."

The kids trick-or-treated in almost every room of Martin Luther hall, bobbed for apples, got their face painted, got their hands slimy, ran through a haunted house, and ate all the pizza they wanted.

The response was overwhelming, because most of the kids have never experienced a party like this before.

Fourth grader Selena Camacho had a blast, especially in the haunted house. "There was scary stuff and monsters and hands came out at me. I'm going back in again!" she exclaimed.

Stein wants to continue hosting the Halloween parties every year. Hopefully the enthusiasm from this year will continue.

# Student Council and others offer helpers

## *Volunteers stand on corners to ensure safe Halloween night*

by Michael Ebert
*Weekly* news writer

This Halloween, the Student Council sponsored a community service project to help local trick-or-treaters cross the street.

From 6 to 8 pm, about 20 Muhlenberg student-volunteers stood on neighborhood street corners, gave out lollipops, and contributed to making the evening of Halloween safe.

Volunteers included members of the Student Council, Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Chi Omega, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"We worked really well with the community, and they really were happy that we were out there," said Student Body Treasurer Lauren Ravit, who ran the project.

"At first, the neighbors were a little skeptical when they saw us all standing around," said Ravit, "but once they realized that we were there to make sure the kids have a safe and fun Halloween they really appreciated our help."

The success of this project is a bright spot for the community. The interaction of the students with local neighbors and children dressed in costumes was important in renewing and bettering the relationship between the residents of Allentown and Muhlenberg.

Senior Jessica Wallitsch, an Alpha Chi Omega sister who helped with the project, said that student participation in helping trick-or-treaters "gave an opportunity to interact with the neighbors."

*photo by Carly Ringer*

***Sisters from Alpha Chi Omega help out trick-or-treaters.***

# Faculty Profile: Dr. Gary Histand: Chemistry department

## *Visiting professor makes impact at Muhlenberg through work with WISH*

**by Louis Alloro**
***Weekly* news writer**

Dr. Gary Histand joined the Muhlenberg College Chemistry Department Faculty for the second time as a visiting professor this semester.

His current position (as well as his duties here back in 1994) involve the full responsibilities of Dr. Marsha Baar who is (and was three years ago) on maternity leave from the college.

Histand's one year position involves teaching Organic Chemistry for non-chemistry majors.

Histand completed his BS degree in Chemistry in 1984 at Delaware Valley College. He holds both his MS and PhD in Bio/Organic Chemistry from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

In 1989, he finished his 177 page dissertation on The Chemistry of Oligonucleotides with Lipophilic, Cationic and Intercalative Substituent Groups at Site Specific Internucleoside Bonds.

After Northwestern, Histand came back east and taught in a variety of settings including Eastern College, West Chester University, and various other institutions.

"I am a happy wanderer," he said. "I haven't been at more than one school for more than two years."

"I'm always looking to the future and asking 'Where will I be next year?'," he said.

Histand lives in the Lehigh Valley area with his wife and eight year old son. He and his family are extremely active in their church.

He is part of the faculty/staff Web/Internet Self-Help Group (WISH) on campus and is currently working on integrating the World Wide Web into the classroom. "I am very computer literate," he said.

The Chemistry Department is also trying to implement new software into their program as well.

When asked about being at Muhlenberg College, Histand remarked, "I like it here – I returned to the faculty willingly and enjoy working with such bright and dedicated students."

***Next Week's Profile:***
***Dr. Russel P. Kauffman***
***Physics Department***

# President Taylor highlights successes in State of the College Address

**by Mark Koup**
***Weekly* Editor**

President Arthur Taylor began his State of the College address by walking down the steps of the Empie Theatre, shaking hands and sharing comments with those in attendance. This modest entrance was indicative of the tone of his address. Taylor was concise, yet detailed in his descriptions of Muhlenberg and the direction in which it is headed. He was almost entirely positive yet not patronizing.

First in Taylor's agenda was to remind parents that they are always welcome at any Muhlenberg event and in the education of their children. He also stated that although Muhlenberg is not immune to the problems that face other colleges, the "Culture that defines Muhlenberg" is a safe atmosphere.

Taylor went on to list Muhlenberg's value in the liberal arts community, repeating that our students get "the best for less," due to less than a 3% increase in tuition every year, as well as being three to four thousand dollars less expensive than its primary competition.

Also included in the President's address were updates on the buildings and fields projects already in progress. Taylor stated that the original plan of the college included the fourth academic building.

The ordinance restricting students off campus was curiously omitted from Taylor's address, but was nonetheless covered when a parent asked him for a response to its implementation. Taylor stressed the positive steps the college took to please the neighbors, such as parking lots and trash collection. He also stated that the overwhelming majority of negative neighbor reaction to the school comes from the east border of the campus.

Taylor said ,"The college will soon have a response" to the ordinance, reiterating once again the administration's position that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

President Taylor concluded his address by stating that Muhlenberg is "a great place" and will flourish in the future. His final statement was that his "compelling interest is Muhlenberg College, and will continue to work at as long as God is willing to let him."

He then entertained a few questions. The meeting concluded in the way it started- modestly and quietly.

# Parent's Weekend proves successful and fun for all

**by Louis Alloro**
***Weekly* news writer**

Neither the torrential rain nor the cross-dressing prevented students and their families from enjoying this year's Family Weekend from Friday, October 31 to Sunday, November 2.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, Family Weekend began on Halloween—not a very convenient time for students who were busy rushing to the thrift stores to find spur of the moment costumes to sport that night at SigEp or rehearsing last minute scenes for Brigadoon's opening performance.

Nonetheless, swarms of cars, mini-vans/station wagons (yes, they still exist), and utility vehicles alike flooded Chew Street as 'Berg families came to participate in the many events planned by Becky Grace and her associates.

Some parents were lucky enough to attend classes with their son or daughter throughout the day on Friday.

Religion Department Head Alan Mittleman said, "Parents have a legitimate curiosity in what their children are learning. This gives parents a chance to satisfy this curiosity and also compare the state of higher education today to what it was when they were in school."

Mittleman's wife, Hillel Director Patti Mittleman, was busy showing parents how Jewish life on campus has changed as well. Hillel held Shabbat Dinner and Services on Friday night and a Bagel Brunch and Open House on Sunday.

The Newman Center and Chapel Christian Community held services and receptions throughout the weekend as well. Attendance was excellent at all of the religious events—students must have thought it would be best to show their parents they remain faithful at the 'Berg.

Sophomore Matt Hittinger says, "I always enjoy the vast improvement of student behavior during Parents Weekend with the curb of both cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption."

However, students and their siblings did not refrain from partying on both Friday and Saturday nights after their parents were back at the hotel.

And what would have been the best way to start of Saturday morning? A one-mile fun walk with Shethir Mustafa, of course. Unfortunately, the inclement weather prevented that event from happening.

"Something we need to work on for next year would be the inclusion of more indoor events on Saturday afternoon in case there are the same weather problems," said Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities. Both the Fun Walk and Tour of the Graver Arboretum were canceled because of the rain.

At 11 am, families enjoyed a luncheon of cider and sandwiches in the Field House while taking the opportunity to meet various members of the Muhlenberg community. Other events on Saturday included book discussions with Professors Scott, Schick, and DiQuinzio; a chance to meet the directors and tour the stage of Brigadoon; a career development discussion; and a trip down Muhlenberg's Memory Lane.

***Andrea Colettis '98 enjoys the weekend with her parents.***

The Powder Puff Football game at half-time seemed to be a definite highlight of the afternoon. Before families said their good-byes on Sunday, there was a Dean's List Recognition Celebration in Egner Chapel and the Center for the Arts' Galleria.

Honored students and their families packed the chapel to receive their recognition. In taking a look at the three pages of honorees names while standing squished in the back of the chapel, one frustrated father said, "How many students go to this school? It seems as if almost everyone is on this Dean's List!"

Students took the opportunity to have one last 'non -Garden Room' meal off-campus before saying goodbye to their families. Most of the mini-vans were packed up and ready to leave late Sunday afternoon. For the first-year families, the tears were not as strong as they were in August but parents' eyes still filled up as the traffic on Chew Street returned to normal.

"Overall, the weekend seemed very successful," added Grace. "Beside the weather, which we could not control from our office, all of the events were well attended and well received by the community."

# Senior Ball to provide more fun for less money

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Senior Class Council is well on their way in planning the Senior Ball.

After distributing a survey among members of the class of '98 last March, Council now has definitive guidelines that will allow them to plan a Ball that all seniors can enjoy.

The survey inquired how much students were willing to spend to attend, how far away they wanted to travel for the Ball, and what type of facilities would best accommodate their wishes.

The Senior Ball will take place at The Woodlands Inn and Resort on Friday, April 24.

This resort is well-known by area college students, most notably from Lafayette, Lehigh and Bucknell.

It offers highly regarded banquet facilities, and provides late night activities, such as a nightclub, 6 bars and a 17000 gallon Jacuzzi, the largest one on the East Coast.

The Woodlands also offers smoking and non-smoking rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, saunas and tanning rooms, a health and fitness center with a fitness director and state of the art equipment, tennis and basketball courts and a massage therapist, just to mention a few of the many highlights that The Woodlands has to offer.

It is located in Wilkes-Barre, about an hour north of Muhlenberg via the Turnpike.

The exact cost of this year's Ball was not discussed, but Senior Class President Mark Urban stated at the Student Body Meeting that the price would be lower than the previous year.

As for fundraising, $1700 has been made in the fund-raisers held this year, not including the profit made in this past weekend's Senior Class Auction, which amount to $7400.

The class account amounts to $22300 total, surpassing last year's senior class budget at this time.

# *Buck-O-Nine* proves to be more than just another ska band

**Buck-O-Nine**
**CD Review by David G. Boelker**

Hey look, another ska band. What can I say? I'm hooked on the sound. I am not very particular because many of the bands sound similar, but there are some out there that just seem to put the sound together better than others. Buck-O-Nine is one of these bands.

You might have seen their video for "My Town." I haven't. A friend with similar interests passed his CD on to me. I sampled it for a while. Some have commented that they hear the CD every time they are in my room. I'm guilty. I just can't bare to take it out of my CD player. That says something to me subconsciously.

They have got it. The clear-cut lyrics, the perky ska guitar and the winding bass. This band reminds me a bit of some Goldfinger's sounds. They have the pace a bit high, but that only adds to the general feel of the album. Happiness is an overly simplistic yet still ample description of their sound.

Nothing particularly wonderful happens in the first few tracks. But then things pick up. "Tear Jerky" has the typical ska horns and guitar, but adds a bit more emotion to the vocals that resurrects the song from ska damnation.

"Jennifer's Cold" is probably the best song on the album. Buck-O-Nine slows it down a bit for this track, and pleasingly so. It is the classic ska sound of foreground horns, lingering guitar hits and intrusive bass with a faster pace for the refrain, and back to the slower body of groove of the song. The contrast of the slow and fast parts fits well.

The title track of the album is another classic sounding tune. You can just swim through the body of the song, but then wait until you get to the trumpet solo. It's perfect. It's wonderful just to hear a horn solo in this guitar age.

The slowest, deepest song on the album is "Peach Fish." Looming bass lines are only interrupted by brass injections with the guitar jumping in and out. another song with horn solos. The trombone and trumpet get their shots here. It is an instrumental, but the musical refrain reminds me of some Fugazi songs. A definite plus.

"Record Store" has some more slow, groovy parts that really get you into the feel of the album, mixed in with their punk side.

The only thing I'll say about the song for which they have visual accompaniment is that they could have picked a better one. It is a bit too catchy for my taste, but then again, what is a greedy record executive to do?

While Buck-O-Nine may not go down in the annals of musical history as a giant, they certainly fill the time in between those who will very nicely. It's worth your money. It's worth mine.

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# Damned good movie

**The Devil's Advocate ★★★**
**Warner Bros. (R)**
**Movie Review by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Okay, I know what you're thinking...another acerbic movie review from that girl who has nothing nice to say about anything. Actually, this will prove to be quite the contrary.

Going into the AMC, I really had no expectations about seeing *The Devil's Advocate*. I made a conscious effort to keep an open mind, and I honestly couldn't venture to guess what was in store for me.

You see, I felt ambiguous about a number of things, mostly the casting. Al Pacino seems an obvious choice for his part—slick, manipulative, insidious, and well, devilish.

The choice of Keanu Reeves for his role troubled me. It's difficult to envision him as an up-and-coming, sharp-shooting young lawyer caught up in the dazzle of notoriety and glamour in Manhattan.

Frankly, Reeves' best work was in the goofy yet endearing *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures*. In every other film featuring him, his acting appears absolutely wooden.

Also, while the plot sounds intriguing, with its all too true "be careful what you wish for" message, it could have been trite or overdone, dependent on the script.

Basically, this movie could have either been extremely over-the-top or extremely captivating. Audiences are fortunate enough to receive the latter.

As predicted, Pacino's portrayal of a Satan figure was remarkable. His small stature contrasts his presence and presentation so dramatically, making him all the more chilling.

Surprisingly, Reeves gives an above adequate performance. We're certainly not talking Oscar caliber , but for Keanu he did a shockingly fine job.

Reeves actually conveys different emotions, and was made to do so frequently, as a character whose life resembles a roller coaster gone awry (vaguely reminniscent of Great Adventure's former morbid attraction "Lightning Loops").

Newcomer Charlize Theron portrays the maladjusted wife struggling to cope not only with a new life in a strange place, but also with her husband being Satan's right-hand-man ( I imagine both situations would be difficult to deal with individually, but together!? Wow...).

Director Taylor Hackford integrates the supernatural and the surrealistic beautifully in this film. There was a blend of the two which only strengthened the movie's impact.

As for the ending, it looked as if it was going to be yet another sell-out, but fortunately we were saved from that disappointment by another face saving (if not a bit tacky) plot twist.

All in all, *The Devil's Advocate* succeeds not only due to surprisingly appropriate casting, but to its complexity of plot as well.

On one hand, it's your typically unbelievable albeit entertaining horror film. Beyond that, it is a moralistic tale about losing one's integrity and the complexities of re-gaining it.

It takes a very special movie to carry that all off.

# Campus saftey error cuts *Wallflower* attendance by 700

## *Capacity mistake overshadowed by sluggish ticket sales*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Concert Board co-chair Shethir Mustafa reported that there is a minor hitch in the plans for the *Wallflowers* concert at this past week's sparsely attended Student Body Meeting.

Originally, both Concert Board and students were told that seating capacity for the show would accommodate 4000.

This estimate made by Ken Lupole was recently changed to 3300, according to Mustafa.

Concert Board was informed of the miscalculation a few weeks ago.

"We were taken by surprise, but of course, we understand. Campus Safety is only looking out for the safety of the performers and students.

"Everyone on Concert Board realizes that this is not anyone's fault and that Lupole is only doing his job," said Mustafa.

Despite this drawback, Mustafa reports that Concert Board's goal remains to sell out.

"Unfortunately, we have not received the positive response [from Muhlenberg students] that we had hoped for," said Mustafa.

Mustafa refused comment on the actual number of tickets sold but according to one knowledgeable source, as of last Sunday the count stood at only 976.

*Director of Campus Saftey Ken Lupole was forced to cut attendance*

However, tickets are selling well lo cally and at other area schools.

Lehigh and Lafayette have reserved 200 tickets each to sell, and Bucknell has ordered 50.

Lebanon Valley College is tentatively planning a bus trip to Muhlenberg for the concert

Mustafa stated that Philadelphia area colleges are also inquiring information about attending the show.

The *Wallflowers* are soon playing at Drexel to a closed show, which makes Muhlenberg's tepid response to them even more puzzling to Concert Board members.

"We provided a big band, which is what students have asked for.

It's discouraging to see that our students don't seem to care as much as students from other local colleges," said Mustafa.

"It would be a shame to see our students shut out from the show because they didn't act as quickly as students from neighboring colleges and people from the town.

"The purpose of the show is to provide students with a positive concert experience on campus; that's why we have a concert board."


**The following is a paid advertisement for the Muhlenberg Activities Council:**

Do you know what you are doing this weekend? There are still lots of fun things to do! Besides the MTA performances all weekend long, Jurassic Park and the Lost World will be shown for your viewing pleasure (Jurassic Park 11/6 at 5pm, Lost World 11/7 at 9pm and 11/8 at 5pm).

Friday night grab a friend, get dressed up and head to the Garden Room for the West Side Formal. Bring your dancing shoes and do not forget to thank the West Side RA's for their incredible planning.

Saturday and Sunday during the day you can grab your ping pong paddle and balls and join Eriq Duong in the Underground for a ping pong tournament. Saturday night the action will be in the Red Door with Karaoke from 9-11 pm. You will receive a free video of your performance to show all your friends and family!

On Monday, come to the Red Door at 9 pm, for a study break. You can come eat some wings and have a chance to win a gift certificate to the Outback, as you watch the Philadelphia Eagles take down the San Francisco '49ers.

That is what is planned for this weekend! Most college students do not think about what they are doing in a few weeks, but imagine this...November 18th, Memorial Hall is packed.

The Wallflowers are approaching the stage to play One Headlight, and A Difference. Where will you be? Will you be there in the crowd cheering?

This week we opened ticket sales up to other schools, and the tickets are flying. Make sure you buy your ticket as soon as possible so you do not miss out on the incredible show! Tickets are on sale in Seegers Union from 11-2 and 5-7. They are also available in the Student Life Office from 8:30am-5pm.

So that is what is happening in the near future on Muhlenberg's campus. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for next semester?

The Muhlenberg Activities Council is starting to plan the activities that will be held on campus. Be part of the planning! Stop by the Student Life Office and put your two sense in!

# Service with a smile: A peek behind the Garden Room's doors

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Editorial Assistant**

Going to the Garden Room is not an especially exciting experience. The average student enters hungry, walks around shaking his head at the awful selections, and after a half an hour, he leaves just as hungry, and sometimes a bit more nauseated than he was when he entered the fine establishment.

However there is one thing that makes the Garden Room experience bearable. This perk is Celia, the cute little lady who flits around the Garden Room with a perpetual smile on her face.

Celia has been smiling for the past fifteen years that she has been working in the Garden Room here at Muhlenberg. How does one become involved in the foodservice business? Well, Celia came to America from Hong Kong 27 years ago, and once she finished raising her five children, she wanted to work outside of the home. Celia explained, "I went to high school, but I wasn't equipped with any professional skills." Living in the area, she knew that Muhlenberg was in need of foodservice staff, and she knew that no professional skills were required. Determined to be the best foodservice staff member however, Celia enrolled herself and payed her own way through a series of courses. The first course taught Celia about temperature. Yes, you read correctly. The course focused on what foods should be at what temperature in order to avoid contamination. The food in The Garden Room may look unappetizing and taste even worse, but thanks to Celia, it will always be at the appropriate temperature.

Not surprisingly, Celia also took a course in customer satisfaction. And satisfying customers is her number one priority. In fact, Celia commented that the best part of her job "is knowing that [her] customers are happy." She continued, "Whatever students ask for, I try to do my best to get it for them. I don't like to have them wait, so I will even bring it to them myself."

Muhlenberg students recognize and appreciate Celia's devotion to them. Sophomore Laura Rubin recalled, "One day I wanted red -wine vinegar for my salad, and there wasn't any out. So Celia said that she would find some for me and that I should go and sit down and start my meal. Within a couple of minutes, Celia showed up at my table with the red wine vinegar. She didn't even have to look for it for me, let alone bring it to my table. She is so sweet."

As much as Muhlenberg students appreciate and love Celia, it would appear that Celia loves the students even more. Celia gushed, "I love people. I love the kids here. I treat all of the kids here as my own, because my kids are not here in Allentown. All I hope is that whoever my [own] kids come in contact with, will love them as much as I love you."

Not only is Celia a sensitive and caring woman, but she is also a responsible and hard-working line supervisor, which by the way is her official title.

Celia explained, "In order to do a job right, there is a certain standard to work to." Celia definitely goes above and beyond this standard and she also likes to "make sure that other people stay up to that standard."

Celia's other responsibities include setting the dining room up for the meals and making sure that there is stock. Also, Celia operates the scanner at the entrance to the Garden Room, which according to her "is simple to work." Celia explained, "It is a lot simpler than the one they had before. This one is just like the ones at the supermarket."

Working at the entrance of the Garden Room presents other problems, such as what to do on the rare occasion that a Muhlenberg student tries to sneak into the Garden Room without a showing a meal card.

When the problem arises, nonconfrontational Celia merely asks the student, "May I have your meal card please?" If a student does not have one, Celia will ask him to leave the dining hall, although doing so "makes [her] feel bad."

Assuming that you have your meal card, seeing Celia at the entrance of the Garden Room, no doubt brings an immediate smile to your face.

Celia's contagious smile can make eating in the Garden Room a most bearable experience.

We are lucky to have her here at Muhlenberg and although she is not known oustide of the Muhlenberg community, she has certainly reached celebrity status on campus. Who knows, maybe she will soon enter the ranks of other celebrities who use only one name. I can see it now. . .Madonna, Cher and Celia!


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# Letters to the Editor

## Muhlenberg Alum Blasts Kathy Freed

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article on Kathy Freed that appeared in last week's Muhlenberg *Weekly*. Neither Kathy Freed nor Robert Freed are friends to Muhlenberg College or Muhlenberg students. In the *Weekly* article, Kathy tried to engage in the same kind of misinformation campaign she has waged against the College for the past four years. I hope no one on this campus, particularly Muhlenberg Students, will be fooled.

The Freeds, and a small but well-organized and vocal group of their neighbors, appear to want to have it both ways. They want to live in a "college neighborhood," near a college campus, enjoying all of the benefits of that proximity, but they don't want college students for neighbors or even present in "their neighborhood." For four years, this small, but vocal, band of neighbors has waged a mean-spirited, essentially dishonest, very public campaign against the college and its students. On the one hand, they continually tell Muhlenberg students, "We don't have anything against you." But on the other, they recount over and over again to the press and anyone else who will listen stories of student misbehavior in "their neighborhood."

Lost in their constant complaint and criticism is any acknowledgment of all of the good things Muhlenberg College students do for Allentown and the greater Lehigh Valley. To hear some of our neighbors talk, you would think that Attila the Hun and his marauding hordes had just moved in next door. Also lost in the blizzard of complaining is any honest acknowledgment of the steps that Muhlenberg has taken to try to be a good neighbor—including investing $4.2-million in a new, 113-bed residence hall!

Kathy Freed and her negative neighbors have their own angry agenda, and virtually nothing Muhlenberg does, short of withdrawing all students from "their neighborhood," will satisfy them. If the College refuses to accept their agenda, we will always be the bad guy. We will simply have to live with the constant carping and complaining and criticism, deserved or not, rational or not.

What bothers me most about this is when Kathy Freed uses her alumni status as a platform from which to bash the College. She has made it very clear over the past four years that she is no friend to Muhlenberg—or to Muhlenberg students. She has essentially abandoned the college that educated her and gave her her start, and instead has been one of the leaders in an organized, orchestrated effort to damage the College.

So, the next time the Freeds, or others like them in the neighborhood, are trying to have it both ways, remember that these are the same people who for four years have been tarring all Muhlenberg students with the same negative brush in the press and in front of City Council. These are the same people who never say a word to acknowledge the good that Muhlenberg students do, or the efforts the College has made on this issue. These people have done everything they can to damage the College's reputation locally. They are not our friends!

Sincerely,

Christopher Hooker-Haring '72

## Editor-in-Chief Congratulates Powder Puff

To the Muhlenberg Community:

The focus points of Parents' Weekend at most colleges seems to be the Football game. Muhlenberg College is no different in this respect, except it was the Student Council sponsored Powder Puff game that seemed to keep people in the stands. Powder Puff football is a female game of flag football.

I am aware of the mass quantities of rain that were falling from the sky during the entire football game and many people may have stayed away because of the weather. However, the bleachers were most filled midway immediately before and during halftime, when the Powder Puff game was played.

In twelve minutes, the Powder Puff teams produced as many touchdowns as sixty minutes of Muhlenberg/Ursinus football. After the officials pushed the Powder Puff teams off the field with a tie score, the number of spectators decreased rapidly even though there was still a second half of a tie game.

Adam Shavitz, the coach for one of the Powder Puff teams commented, "There was more trash-talking in that game than I have ever seen before." If only the Muhlenberg/Ursinus game featured that much emotion.

The game gave the chance for many women to live the dream of playing football. Besides, where would have this football day been without Powder Puff? Many ideas have been floating about the future of Women's football at the Muhlenberg. It could become a spring intramural sport or remain in the fall with the championship game held at halftime of Parents' Weekend football game. They are just some of the few ideas have been thrown around. One thing is for sure. Powder Puff football was the main attraction at Muhlenberg Stadium this weekend.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Carney, Jr.

## Students Encourage Participation in Can War

To the Muhlenberg College Student Body-

The Community Service Office and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity are sponsoring a schoolwide can drive throughout the entire month of November. It will benefit local food banks during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Unlike past Muhlenberg food drives, however, this year we are competing among all four classes to find the class with the most innovative, productive way to get every student involved in the can drive. There is a $100.00 dollar prize for the class that donates the most number of cans, and a $50.00 second prize for the runners up. The collection bins will be in the lower level of Seeger's Union throughout November, during all lunch and dinner hours. We encourage you to contribute at least one can or box of dry food to your class. Consider that this project will not only offer help to families in need during the holiday season and boost your class bank account at the same time, but it will also reconfirm Muhlenberg College's commitment to the city of Allentown. So please take a minute out of your day during either lunch or dinner and throw a can in your class bin on the lower level of Seeger's Union. Good luck and thank you for your assistance!

Your Class Can War Organizers,

Sherry Lynn Fazio '99
Jennifer Zwirn '99
Brett Coplin '98

## Editor Discusses Student Meeting

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the administration of Muhlenberg College for their support of the students in the Ordinance issue. Admissions Dean Chris Hooker-Haring wrote a passionate and detailed letter to the *Weekly* in this issue, and I would like to express my appreciation for his efforts. Regardless of our position on the ordinance at this point, the administration from President and Mrs. Taylor, Dean Ehrenberg, and Dean Hooker-Haring all have been one hundred percent behind the student body. They are very much in support of our rights as citizens of the United States, as well as our rights as students. Melissa Wardwell, assistant to Dean Ehrenberg, also lent her support to the students, and we appreciate this.

Student Council briefly covered the issue of the ordinance at the Student Body Meeting. This meeting, incidentally, saw one percent of the student body in attendance. If you subtract Muhlenberg *Weekly* staff, about one half of one percent of the student body was represented (not including student council members).

The meeting also covered Mark Urban's suggested bill of rights for students. The bill details the rights of all Muhlenberg Students in plain, concise language. Urban's bill was passed unanimously after it was detailed to those faithful few in attendance. Dave Silber, Student Council President, announced the progress (slow as it may be) of the changes in the Red Door Cafe, and for those hanging in limbo, yes the name will still be changed. Silber also reiterated that the Red Door, soon to be called as the cafe formerly known as Red Door, will make a commitment to have everything on the menu in stock. This will make many fans of the late night menu very happy.

Students can be assured that some productive things did go on at the Student Body meeting, and they are encouraged to attend the next meeting sometime next semester. Productive suggestions were passed along to representatives, and the overall feeling was positive after the termination of the meeting. Maybe next semester, two percent of the student body will show up. Sadly, this would be an improvement.

## Columnist Warns of Fume Danger

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

SAY NO TO DRUGS! DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH! These are both very good sentiments that the school supports. But the school is altering our minds chemically and I think it may be worse than drugs or alcohol. It is paint. In the beginning of the week (I'm not sure if the big project is still underway) there has been painting in the library. If you sit in the room long enough next to this new paint your 45 page history assignment on the development of the loom will become pretty damn interesting. I'm not criticizing the school but why couldn't this have been done during the summer. Maybe it was the funding of this project that made it impossible to start until the beginning of November. Probably, just like the Center for the Arts received an anonymous $6 million donation, the library just received its own $350 donation for a couple tubs of paint and some brushes. As I sat in the same room as one of these freshly painted walls, I made a list of all the other things on campus that could *safely* alter one's mind. First, you could go to that giant red steel whatever-you-call-it sculpture in front of Seeger's Union and lick it. It tastes like strawberry, but the side effects are not that bad. For about a week after your "hit", everyone you see looks like Tommy Lasorda. Then you could go to the Garden Room and, after finding a good vein on your arm, inject Thousand Island dressing into yourself. The side effects for this are much more severe. You start off by being chased by a giant turnip. It looks like one of the turnips that your mom made you eat when you were six and you tried to feed it to the dog but the dog got sick. Anyway, that turnip chases you onto the back of a pick up truck but someone else is there waiting for you. It's Marv Albert. Then you wake up to find it was all just a dream. You are still in the library, looking at freshly coated walls.

* The content of this article contains actions that may be hazardous to your health, ranging from the injection of salad dressing to going to the library. Please, use discretion in all your actions.

# Columnist Tackles Issue of Respect

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

How bout cha'? I was impressed by last weeks cheerleading article in the *Weekly*. You probably think that I'm now going to tear it apart, eh? Although it may be in my nature to do such a thing, I won't. That might seem like fun (to some of us), but in doing so I would be defeating the whole purpose of this article. I hate it when someone begins something by making a contradictory statement that just disagrees with the point that they hope to make; so I shall refrain from shelling the squad. I have been to only one game this year, but I did notice that the cheerleaders were showing great support for the team. They were very "confident on the field and continued to boost the confidence of the players as well". Hey Cheerleaders, it doesn't matter; although I'm sorry to say this, it just doesn't. Either people are too concerned with how well, or how poorly, the players are performing or they can't give respect without losing respect.

People at Muhlenberg have a difficult time respecting one another. A "well respected" "Berg student probably wouldn't take it upon his or herself to show support for the cheerleading squad. Why? Because that would be 'un-cool'... The way to become 'cool' on campus (cheerleaders take note of this) is 1) throw your money around, whether by driving a fancy car or wearing nice clothes 2) throw lots of parties, another way to obtain new friends (hey anyone enjoys beer when it's free!!!) and 3) pay attention to only those who are of equally esteemed status! How easy is that?!! You see, cheerleading squad, it's not about cheering for the fun and camaraderie of it or because you're interested in being a visible show of support.. it's about being popular. At the 'Berg popularity = respect. If anyone else has ever felt the grips of this "high schoolishness" feel free to write to me here at the weekly; we'll talk.

The other topic I'd like to tackle is: Who deserves the respect that we mistakenly direct? In my world when someone says, "They don't get the respect they deserve" they mean it. When someone says that on campus it's more along the lines of, "so what?" At Muhlenberg such phrases are thrown around sympathetically, and in the same sense are more like belittlement than sympathy. When a respected person claims to be sympathetic about the plight of a hard-working, but socially neglected individual they project an image of pity; a shallow, transparent image at that.

Sympathy, the feeling evoked by the esteemed, is roughly translated to, "Boy I think that's tough, but I'd never change places with them". Empathy is putting your views aside, as tough as that might be for some of us, and challenging forth new ideologies foreign to us. We all know the difference between sympathy and empathy, sorry to waste your time with trivialities..

Do any of you realize though, that this problem of respect transcends the student body? The administration has no respect for the faculty opinion, as shocking as that may be to us. It seems as though the administration is taking the college on a different route than the faculty approves of. Now that I've sparked your interest you have to wait until next week for further discussion. Next week, further insight into the growing dichotomy and separation of views between the changing attitudes emerging among the faculty and administration.

# Council Details Busy Week

Council Corner
By Lauren Ravit

This week Student Council has exausted itself. We were busy on Halloween helping the children of Allentown trick-or-treat, by sponsoring a community service project that put students on the street corners to help children cross the street and have a safe holiday. Perhaps you saw the impressive Council sponsored Powder Puff game this past weekend. The score between Team Blood and Shavy's angels was tied at seven. Maybe you went to the Student Body Meeting on Monday that was set up so Student Council could help you. Look for it again next semester. Student Council registered your parents during Family Weekend, and helped with the Senior Auction that raised about $5,000. The new freshmen members of Student Council and Class Council are jumping right into their new jobs with excitement and wonderful ideas. The Red Door is progressing nicely as junior representative Chris Subbio paints a mural in honor of the Muhlenberg Athletes. The athletics committee is still trying to get more trainers to make the athletic experience at Muhlenberg safer. The food committee continues to work with Wood to provide better meals at the 'Berg. Council is thinking about a new "Unofficial Student Handbook" for incoming freshmen. If you have any ideas send them to Student Council's email address: council@muhlenberg.edu or tell a member. Of course everyone is welcome to our meetings Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Haas building in the third floor conference room.

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"Well sure he wobbles around a lot, but my money says that that boy just won't fall down."

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The water-balloon toss at the 'Father-Maggot Picnic'

# Soccer team shuts out conference rivals Haverford and Swarthmore

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg men's soccer team has won three games in a row, and six straight against Centennial Conference opponents, including last week's wins against Haverford and Swarthmore.

On Saturday the Mules thrilled the family weekend crowd with a 7-0 shutout of conference rival Swarthmore, raising their conference home winning streak to 18 games.

Senior Todd Ervin had two goals and an assist in the win. Those points gave Ervin a career total of 81, making him just the seventh player in school history to score over 80 points. Ervin's 25 assists also place him in a tie for third on the all-time school list.

Freshman Dave Paxon knocked in two goals, and freshman Brad Kocher and brothers Eric and Johan Hohman also scored for the Mules in the win.

The Mules are now in position to win their third Centennial Conference championship in the last four years. If they win their final game of the season Saturday against Ursinus, the Mules will be guaranteed at least a tie for first place.

Senior Co-Captain Mike Shaffer said that the team is "coming closer to our first goal, winning the conference title, and with the win this past weekend, we know we can do it. We just have to win our next conference game."

Shaffer also said that after the game this weekend, the Mules can focus on their second goal, winning the nationals.

Head Coach Jeff Tipping said that it's "important to step it up now. The team is hungry, and we have to make sure the quality doesn't drop."

## National Rankings

as of November 3rd

Rank/School/Record

1. Wheaton (IL) 17-0-1
2. Kenyon (OH) 14-2-0
3. Kean (NJ) 17-1-0
4. Macalester (MN) 12-0-3
5. Messiah (PA) 14-1-3
6. U. of Rochester(NY)12-1-3
7. Wheaton (MA) 12-3-0
8. Greensboro (NC) 11-3-1
9. Rowen (NJ) 15-2-0
10. Trinity (TX) 16-1-1
11. Mary Wash. (VA)15-2-1
12. Otterbein (OH) 16-1-2
13. Plymouth State (NH) 12-2-1
14. Fredonia (NY) 14-3-1
15. Cal Lutheran 14-2-1
16. MUHLENBERG 13-4-1

## Northeast Region Rankings

as of November 3rd

Rank/School/Record

1. Messiah 14-1-3
2. MUHLENBERG 13-4-1
3. Gettysburg 13-3-1
4. Johns Hopkins 14-2-0
5. Bethany 13-5-1
5. Elizabethtown 12-6-1
7. Eastern 13-5-0
8. Lycoming 13-5-0
9. CMU 11-6-0
10t. Misericordia 15-3-0
10t. Drew 11-6-0

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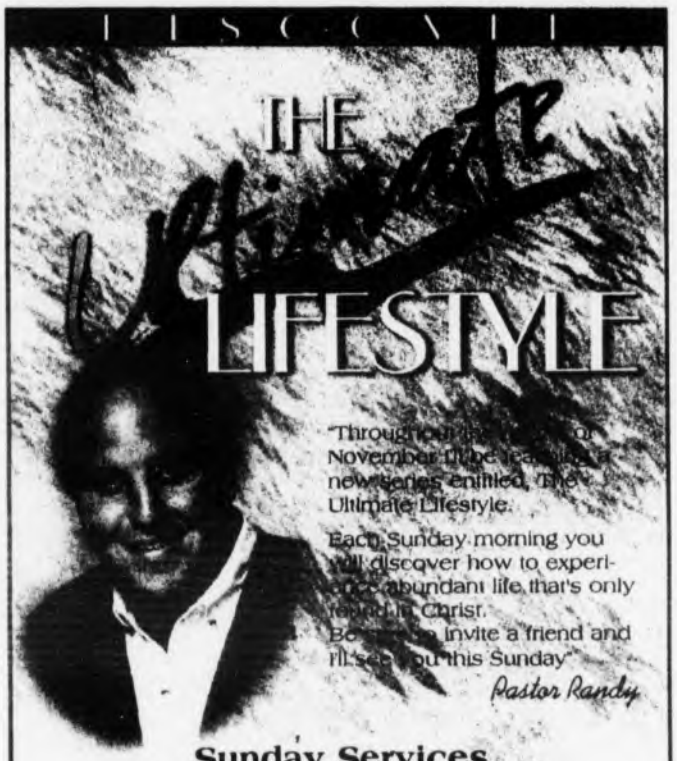



# Field hockey wins to close out season

## *Freshman Allison Neet shuts out the Mawters for the Mules' sixth win*

**by Eric Hildenbrand**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The Women's Field hockey team ended a five game losing streak Monday, by defeating Centennial Conference opponent Bryn Mawr 1-0. The win marked the end of a season full of streaks for the Lady Mules.

The team came off a 4 game losing streak to win four straight in the middle of the season, only to lose the momentum and drop five straight before Monday's win.

The only goal was scored by sophomore forward Kim Brady with 3:58 left in the first half. Brady got the deflection off freshman Cheryl Taft's shot and put it by the Bryn Mawr goalie. The goal gave Brady her fourth goal of the season, a team high. The assist was Taft's second of the season.

"It was a team effort, we all worked together" Taft said of the win.

Freshman goalie Allison Neet (3 saves) and the 'Berg defense posted it's fourth shutout of the season allowing only 3 shots and 5 penalty corners in the game. Neet became the starting goalie after the team's incredible 1-0 victory over East Stroudburg in double overtime on September 10 and will be crucial part of the team's future success.

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| **Bryn Mawr** | **0** |
| **Muhlenberg** | **1** |

"I was glad that we won the game and I could get a shut-out for our last game of the season," Neet said, "I'm looking forward to next season. [the team] will be more experienced and more used to playing with each other...we'll be a better team next year."

The win brought the team's record to 6-11 (3-6 in the Centennial Conference). However, the season was one of close losses for the women field hockey players. The team lost 8 games by one goal. The team is very young, however, and hopes to improve next season.

"We are very young and we have a lot of returning talent. We gained a lot of game experience this year that will help us in the future" Coach Laurie Kerr commented on the future of the team.

The team will only lose four players to graduation this year, co-captians Andrea Cook and Mandy Sciarra, as well as Becky Hartshorn and Sarah Miner.

The Mules will feel the loss on defense next year however, where Cook, Sciarra and Hartshorn played.

"It was great to finish strong, we have a lot of talent and it was awesome to finish the season with a win," Cook said, "I'm really going to miss playing hockey."

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# Profile of a Mule: Jason Brader

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

Those of us who have been at Muhlenberg for three or four years have all seen the dismal seasons put forth by the football team. Most notable is the fact that our offense has not scored, let alone move the ball at all in the past years.

However, this year is much different. Although the team has only secured one win, improvement in the program is very noticeable, mainly on the offensive side of the ball.

Prior to their game on Saturday, Muhlenberg was ranked in the nation's top 20 in total offense.

One of the major factors in this turn-around is the stellar play of junior transfer running back Jason Brader.

Jason is no stranger to this area, as he currently resides in Bethlehem. He graduated from Liberty High School in 1994, where he began his incredible career.

Greatness was first noticed in his sophomore year, and continued throughout his remaining years with the Hurricanes. His goal of playing football at the college level was just around the corner.

It was at this time that Jason suffered a profound tragedy. Both his mother and father died of cancer within eleven months of each other. Brader had to deal with both the care and the loss of his parents.

Upon graduation, he attended Milford Academy in Connecticut, before moving on to two years at Lackawanna Junior College. At both of these programs he succeeded against many Division IA prospects.

Jason received many offers to play at this level himself while attending Lackawanna. However, they wanted him to change positions, and this was not what he wanted.

This was about the same time that Jason's high school coach, Dick Ortwein, was hired here at Muhlenberg to coach the running backs. Although Muhlenberg was not Division IA, the academics just could not be passed up. Jason contacted Coach Ortwein, and the rest has been one sensational carry after another.

Jason's season ranks up there with the best. Currently he has carried the ball 219 times for 1,180 yds. He is averaging 147.5 yds/game. All of these statistics are good enough to lead the conference by a large margin.

He has also scored 10 touchdowns, accumulated 1,439 all-purpose yards, and averaged 179.2 all-purpose yds/game. He ranks second in the conference in all of these categories.

If this is not impressive enough, Jason also ranks second in the conference in scoring, as well as tallying up 7 straight 100 yard performances. He currently owns two of the top five rushing performances in the Centennial Conference this year.

Jason is currently rewriting the record books here. His four touchdowns against Swarthmore tied a school record. He needs 2 more carries, 23 more rushing yards, and 5 more all-purpose yards to set school records in those categories. He will almost certainly set all of these records this Saturday at Carnagie-Mellon.

A case can be made that Jason is the sole reason for the offensive turnaround for the Mules. The majority of the personnel on offense is the same that it was last year, except for Jason.

His threat as a runner has opened up the passing lanes for George Fosdick, who is celebrating his best season in his three years as the Mule's starting quarterback.

The Mules end the year with Moravian at home. Come see Jason play, because talented athletes like him do not come around often.

# Despite the rain, powder puff football a success

## *The girls put on a great show for the parent's weekend crowd*

**by Jess Hirsh**
**Assistant Sports Editor**

Last Saturday, 20 Muhlenberg students' dreams came true. They got to play football! After two hard weeks of practice these girls came together in the torrential downpour to play the first game of powder puff on Muhlenberg's campus.

One of the teams, coached by Josh Northrigde '99, was called the Blood Shed. Their team consisted of Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Mu sisters, and those not affiliated with a sorority. Lisa Brownstein '98, a member of the Blood Shed team, enjoyed her twelve minutes of fame. "I definitely had a lot of fun playing, and the crowd really got us going."

The other team, known as Shavy's Angels, was coached by Adam Shavitz '99 and consisted of girls from Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta, and others not affiliated.

Lisa Grandinetti '98 was very apprehensive about playing in the rain but to her surprise she had the "best time."

She said, "Shavitz really was a good coach. He realized we weren't going to turn into professional football players, so he showed us the basics."

This event raised the spirit of those in the crowd who were watching the frustrating football game, for a moment letting them forget the rain. This event, sponsored by Student Council, will hopefully be an annual event, and may even become an intermural sport with the championship during Parent's Weekend. For the girls that participated, it was a moment that they will never forget.

*photo by Carly Ringer*

*Head Coach Adam Shavitz talks to his squad after last Saturday's powder puff football game.*

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat. 11/8 at Carnegie Mellon

**Cross country:** Sat. 11/15 at Regional Championships

**Men's soccer:** Sat. 11/8 home vs. Ursinus @ 2:00

# Mules lose heartbreaker to Ursinus

## *Ursinus safety with less than a minute remaining costs Mules the game*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

It was a cold, pouring rain. The sky was overcast and dark, the wind whipped fiercely out of the East. The turf was torn and muddied and with each play the contrast between the two teams faded as the Cardinal Red of Muhlenberg and the white of Ursinus blended together into the anonymous brown mud of the gridiron. It was a bitter battle, as this 97-year old grudgematch always is; the trench warfare that erupted on Muhlenberg Field, Saturday, would leave one team a messy victory, and the other stuck in the mud.

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| **Ursinus** | **9** |
| **Muhlenberg** | **7** |

From early in the game, the Mule defense dug in, demonstrating mettle unseen since October's 60-14 thrashing of Swarthmore College. Strong play by right end Ken Rayhon forcing a fumble and sacking the quarterback for an 8-yard loss, and by cornerback Richard Colello prevented Ursinus from making a first down until halfway through the second quarter.

The Mules denied Ursinus on all three attempted fourth down conversions; allowing the Bears only three trips into Mule territory. While the defense made the first steps towards restoring their honor, the irony is that they did their job too well. Late in the fourth quarter, the score tied seven to seven, the Mule D forced Ursinus into a three-and-out situation. It was this punt that cost Muhlenberg the game.

Also showing improvement was the retooled special teams unit. Powerful hits by Captain Jim Socci and the hustling of Kenyamo McFarlane gave Muhlenberg one of its best defensive special teams days all season, despite Ursinus' Centennial Conference-best kicker/punter.

Yet the Ursinus defense, second only to future Conference-champs Western Maryland, performed well against the usually forceful Mule offense.

The wind and rain limited quarterback and Captain George Fosdick to only 84 yards in the air, forcing the Mules to use the ground assault. This strategy worked well during the first drive; the Mules marched 80 yards behind Jason Brader and a 19 yard pass to Matt Lunn before Cory Wohlbach made the three-yard touchdown run.

As the game progressed, the Mules' reliance on Brader (34 carries of 42 total rushes) did not fool Ursinus, as they became the first team since Hartwick to stop the junior running back.

Though Brader scrambled for 108 yards and his seventh consecutive 100-yard game, with each carry he drew an increasingly larger crowd.

The game bogged down in the second half mud. As the rain fell harder, the large Family Weekend crowd braved the worst weather of the season as the clock ticked away, getting ever closer to a seemingly inevitable overtime.

With 44 seconds left, the Mules stopped what appeared to be Ursinus' last chance. Ursinus could not risk a fourth down play in their own territory, so they would punt and test their luck in overtime.

The punt soared 63 yards, way over receiver Kevin Cannon's head. Had the field been dry, the ball would have surely bounced into the endzone. This time, the ball hit the soaked grass, rolled a few feet and died at the Muhlenberg one-yard line.

Thirty-seven seconds away from overtime against last year's Centennial Conference champion, the Mules handed off to Brader, who could not get back to the line of scrimmage before what seemed like the whole Ursinus team collapsed on him, dropping him in the endzone. It was a safety, and in the rain and mud the Mules lost 9-7.

# Cross country teams finish well in Conference Championships

## *Men finish eighth, women fifth on rain-soaked Ursinus College course*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

It was the most challenging Centennial Conference Championship ever. Host Ursinus College's course is difficult enough in good conditions; its high hills can weary even the strongest legs, but with the torrential downpour the course became, in the words of Head Coach Linda Andrews, "A mud bath. It was a very difficult course."

By the end of the race it seemed that all of the runners were representing a school that had mud brown as its only color, the difference was that while other Centennial runners found their times got stuck in the mud, the Mules actually improved their times to some of their best all season.

The men finished eighth, comfortably ahead of Western Maryland College. The women recorded their best finish in Centennial Conference history, placing fifth of ten teams, ahead of Franklin and Marshall, Bryn Mawr College, Gettysburg, Ursinus, Western Maryland, and only 5 points behind Johns Hopkins. Coach Andrews was ecstatic.

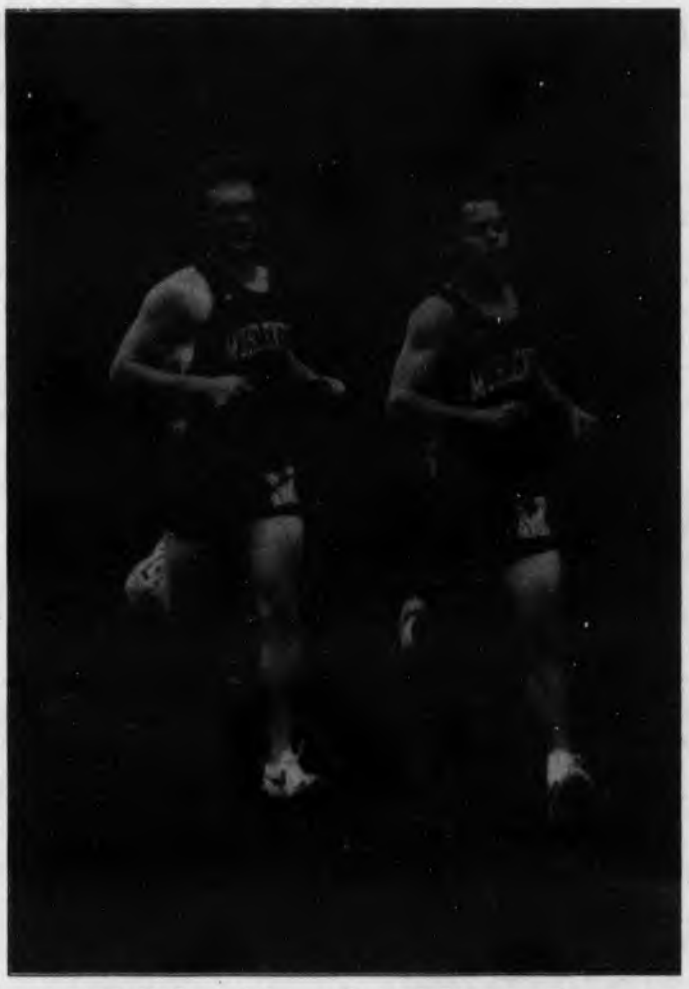
"This was our best team race in years; perhaps our best team race ever," she said. "We were focused, we stuck to our game plan. We were going to beat Franklin and Marshall, and we did."

The Mules were truly running with fire in their eyes as the entire team rose to the challenge of the day, winning team-wide Runner of the Week honors. "They all deserve it," said Coach Andrews, "they were all brilliant."

Freshman Laura Roth lead the women in 11th place overall (20:06), earning All-Conference second-team honors. Sophomore Elissa Murphy was close behind (16th, 20:16); followed by sophomore Cindy Bredefeld (31st), who in 21:07 ran a collegiate best; junior Katy duFosse (32nd, 21:08), sophomore Lauren Weisenberger (35th, 21:17).

Lynn Garzella, another freshman, was next after 22:00 (47th); ahead of junior Jackie Miners (63rd, 23:07), and sophomore Jennie Love (25:54).

Sophomore Bill McElroy again fronted the vanguard for the men's team, finishing 24th overall (29:55), trailed by senior James Batzel (28th, 30:10), sophomore Sean Daubert (44th, 31:16), freshman Chris Catalano (49th, 31:50), senior Co-Captain Pete Dunlaevy (52nd, 32:17), senior Neal Sheridan (56th, 32:54), senior Co-Captain Josh McHale (58th, 33:16), senior Samir Pandya (33:39), senior Frank Scholes III (34:05), junior Matt Hayn (34:33), and senior Carl Magdefrau (38:13)



*Josh McHale and James Batzel of the men's squad*

This was Catalano's first finish in Muhlenberg's top five. His strong showing made him Runner of the Week.

The Mules have two weeks off to wash their uniforms, and rest, but they will continue to train. The NCAA Regional Championships that will end the Mules' season on November 15th will be the last and the greatest challenge for this, one of the best Cross-Country teams in recent history.

Head Coach Linda Andrews is, like her team, not only highly confident but "determined" to build on this season's triumphs and make the Cardinal Red and Gray the colors to fear in Cross-Country racing.

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# Communidad Latina dedicates new painting

## *Painting of popular Nicaraguan leader brings culture to the community*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* News Writer**

One of the most well-known figures of 20th century Central American history is the late Nicaraguan guerrilla leader Agusto Cesar Sandino. In Nicaragua he became a popular hero and gave his name to the Sandinistas, a revolutionary group that formed the government from 1979 to 1990.

Last Thursday, a painting of this Nicaraguan hero, by Isaac I. Arroliga, was donated to Muhlenberg College from Communidad Latina. The work of art, entitled "Agusto Cesar Sandino a Nicaraguan Hero," was made a part of the college's donation-collection during a cordial ceremony in the Baker Center for the Arts. The ceremony featured speakers Fred Rooney Esq., who is host to the Nicaraguan artist during his current cultural sojourn in Bethlehem, and Luis I. Campos M.D., who was born and raised in Nicaragua.

Rooney spoke of the 31 year old Arroliga, the hardships the painter has faced, and how he has been extremely excited about coming to the Lehigh Valley to paint.

As Arroliga once said, "Painting is my passion and without it, my life wouldn't have any meaning."

Luis I. Campos M.D., father of Communidad Latina member Luis E. Campos (Event Director), gave the audience insight on Nicaraguan culture. Through a speech and a slide-show of pictures, Dr. Campos portrayed the lifestyles of his native country, as well as the importance of Agusto Cesar Sandino in Nicaraguan history.

According to Communidad Latina President Jolly Benitez, the donation of the painting is very meaningful. Benitez said, "The presentation of the painting to Muhlenberg College is an opportunity for Communidad Latina to share Latino culture. In addition, we feel that it is a good way to create more acceptance among the Student Body."

Since its establishment approximately a year ago, Communidad Latina has continued to encourage Muhlenberg students to become more aware of ethnic diversity.

The Club's objective is to enhance the understanding of the Latino culture.

This multi-cultural event is certainly a step in the right direction.

***Members of Communidad Latina pose with the newly dedicated painting, "Agusto Cesar Sandino a Nicaraguan Hero"***

# How's the beef?....Food Committee works to improve quality

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

The phrase "I hate the food here" has loudly rung out in the past for many to hear in Seegers Union and Parent's Plaza.

Thanks to the efforts of the Food Committee, the quality of on-campus food has improved and will continue to do so.

This committee, a subcommittee of Student Council, has been established on and off in previous years, reappearing when student complaints have been highest. Most recently, the committee was reestablished late into first semester last year.

Last year's committee, consisting of Jamie Hollander, Lisa Ansorage, Aaron Dorfman, Chris McClary and Carlos Munoz, attempted to install the East Side Eatery. Another main concern, according to Munoz, was to reduce the lines during the "rush hour" in the Garden Room and the GQ.

"We want to spread students out so that all three establishments get an reasonable amount of students," said Munoz. "Every place is good and should attract students."

There were also changes in the food at the Red Door. Improvements in the pizza crust, cheese, and sauce were made. Also, students are now able to buy food items at the Red Door that were previously unavailable, such as bagels.

The renovations in the Red Door have also been a main concern for the Food Committee. Munoz reports that they are currently pleased with the progress, but that they are aware that it is still far from finished. More decorating will be done by Hollander, and Chris Subbio will finish the mural soon, assisted by Munoz.

"The job of Food Services is never done," said Munoz. "We want to improve things and are able to bring about change quickly."

Recently, the committee met with Wood Food Services, where they presented the company with ideas conveyed to them by the student body.

Wood Company attempts to provide efficient and flexible food services for students.

Other meetings which consist of committee members themselves are mostly organizational, planning which ideas to present to Wood.

The Food Committee is looking into more options for improvement and is taking student requests.

Many current ideas deal with further improving the Garden Room. Ideas for new food will be implemented in January. In order to alleviate lines, a cook will carve in the dining room, and a mobile serving station will be installed to alleviate the lines inside. A self-service line at lunch may also be added.

Food Committee meetings are now being held every Wednesday at 4:30 in Seegers Union.

Anyone with suggestions for the Food Committee should contact any committee member. Suggestions can also be expressed via e-mail -- council@hal.

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# Nationline

Things happening around the world.
Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

Cambridge, Massachusetts—British au pair Louise Woodward walked out of a Massachusetts courtroom as a free woman Monday after a judge reduced her sentence in the death of an 8-month-old infant to 279 days, a sentence equal to time served. Woodward, 19, had been convicted of second-degree murder by a jury and was originally sentenced to a mandatory life term, with no parole possible for 15 years. But Judge Hiller B. Zobel reduced that sentence to involuntary manslaughter Monday morning and amended her sentence Monday afternoon. Woodward must remain in Massachusetts while prosecutors plan an appeal.

New York, New York—A decade ago, Tawana Brawley's allegations of a brutal rape by several white men captured the attention of people across the USA and made her a poster child for racism. But in 1988, a grand jury declared it a hoax, citing a lack of eyewitnesses and Brawley's refusal to testify. Now a defamation lawsuit by Steven Pagones against Brawley's legal team, the Rev. Al Sharpton, C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox, comes to trial Monday. The three alleged Pagones was one of the rapists but presented no evidence. Pagones was exonerated by the grand jury.

Orlando, Florida—A woman found a live newborn girl in the toilet of a Walt Disney World rest room with the baby's head sticking out of the water and the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck on Saturday night. A doctor in the park administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the child until emergency workers arrived. The seven pound baby was hospitalized in good condition Sunday, but no one has come forward to claim the infant. A hospital spokeswoman said the baby was found apparently minutes after being born.

Ithaca, New York—How do you honor a man who opened new worlds to millions of people? Create a world of his own. In honor of the late Carl Sagan, a scale model of the solar system was unveiled Saturday, the eve of his birthday. The model stretches more than three-quarters of a mile through downtown Ithaca, where the last astronomer and physicist lived and taught at Cornell University.

Queens, New York—An undercover federal agent shot a 17-year-old high-school soccer player in the leg after apparently mistaking the candy bar in his hand for a gun, reports said Saturday. The student, Andre Burgess, was walking down a street in Queens when he passed a car full of undercover officers hunting for a drug dealer suspected of killing a Customs agent. One of the marshals apparently mistook the silver wrapper of the Three Musketeers bar in Burgess' hand for a pistol.

Denver, Colorado—During the first week of testimony in the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Terry Nichols, prosecutors made Timothy McVeigh a major presence in the courtroom. That's a risky strategy, some analysts say. "The more you elevate McVeigh as the monster, Nichols becomes a more distant figure," said one legal expert. By midweek, attorneys began tying Nichols to the purchase and storage of key bomb components used in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building. Testimony is scheduled to resume Monday.

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# Campus Safety Notes

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## Father and son arrested for streaking on campus

11/4/97 - Fire Alarm - East Hall A - radiator pipe burst
11/4/97 - Burglary - ML - theft of 2 pitchers from a resident's room
11/5/97 - Assist Other Agency - off-campus - alcohol consumption, person over 21
11/5/97 - Possible Vandalism - Faculty/Staff parking lot - small hole in the back of the Community Service van from a BB gun or stone from the road
11/5/97 - Smoke/Fire - Prosser - piece of burnt paper
11/6/97 - Harassment - Prosser - student-on-student - Referred to Dean's Office
11/6/97 - Injured Student - LSC - knee injury
11/6/97 - Sale and Possession of Controlled Substance - involved a student - Referred to Dean's Office
11/7/97 - Alcohol Violation - Prosser - underage possession
11/7/97 - "Peeping Tom" - Walz - Referred to the Dean's Office
11/8/97 - Vandalism - Walz - metal unit around heating system in stairway beaten up
11/8/97 - Loitering and Prowling at night - 26th St. and Gordon St. - student in bushes - Referred to Dean's Office
11/8/97 - Attempted Entry - LSC - equipment manager room - used a screwdriver
11/8/97 - Terroristic Threats - Sig Ep - student-on-student - Referred to Dean's Office
11/8/97 - Alcohol violation - ML - underage possession of alcohol
11/8/97 - Open Lewdness, Public Intoxication, Obstruction of Administration of Law - East Fire lane - Criminally arrested - Joe Schaffer (Charged Lewdness and Public Intoxication), Michael Schaffer and Taivo Milles (Obstruction of Administration of Law)
11/8/97 - Noise/Disorderly Conduct - 22nd St. - George Aiken charged with disorderly conduct
11/8/97 - Fire Alarm - Seegers - pulled by 3 white males - 1 short with brown hair and 2 others taller with dirty blonde hair
11/9/97 - Vandalism - Brown - took visitors pass box off wall
11/10/97 - Theft - front of Haas - red Sesquicentennial pole flag
11/10/97 - Fire Alarm - Prosser - burnt popcorn

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# Habitat for Humanity holds second annual "Shanty Town"

by Tony Powell
*Weekly* news writer

Last Saturday, November 8, 1997, the Muhlenberg Chapter of Habitat for Humanity held their second annual "Shanty Town" fund-raiser. Once again, this year's project was a success and set the tone for even greater future projects.

According to Jess Furrer, Habitat for Humanity began the project last year in order to raise local and on-campus awareness for their organization. Also, the Shanty Town project provides an excellent opportunity to raise money for local Habitat for Humanity efforts.

The "Shanty Town" is set up in such a way so that it makes a profound visual statement to the community. It offers an excellent opportunity for students to experience these adverse conditions first-hand.

The actual twelve hour camp-out took place under the Shankweiler Bridge after the rain drove the "homeless" out from under Victor's Lament. The participants spent the night in cardboard boxes and refrigerator boxes they obtained from local vendors.

To be as true to their cause as possible, each participant was fully clothed, and used whatever they could to remain warm. Each person was allowed pillows, blankets and food. From seven p.m. to seven a.m., approximately twenty homeless resided under the Shankweiler Bridge, all striving to further their cause.

To raise money for the project, Habitat for Humanity asked both faculty and students alike to sponsor one of the participants. Students gathered all the sponsors or donations they could and then collected the money after the event had taken place. This year the Shanty Town brought in over nine hundred dollars.

*Members of Habitat for Humanity pose in their "Shanty Town" under Shankweiler Bridge on Nov. 8*

"The money will be divided in half between the 'Berg chapter and the Lehigh Valley affiliates. Most of the money will go toward the construction of homes," stated Furrer. The Muhlenberg chapter is currently orchestrating a trip to Florida which will involve student participation in the construction of housing. During Spring Break, the students will travel south, where they will get hands-on experience in construction and dealing with the homeless. Their portion of the funds will be allocated toward this project.

The Lehigh Valley affiliates, however, are involved in the actual placing of families in homes as well as the location and construction of housing. Their funds will be used in any number of areas. "The Lehigh affiliates are in charge of most of the coordinating in this area," stated Furrer, "but Habitat for Humanity is a world-wide organization."

Habitat for Humanity has done an excellent job fundraising for the homeless and needy. Instead of offering aid in an arrogant, listless manner, these students have actually delved into the existence of those they are trying to support. It is only in this manner that true offerings to a cause can be made.

# Human Resource speaker addresses students

## *Well-attended meeting proves successful for area's only chapter*

*Gary Dologite greets members of 'Berg's chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management*

by Emily Pannebaker
*Weekly* News Writer

The Vice President of Human Resources at Lafayette Bank, Gary Dologite, spoke to Muhlenberg students last Tuesday evening.

It was a well-attended meeting of the student chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Muhlenberg has the only active student chapter in the area.

Dologite, who has worked in Human Resources for over 20 years, emphasized that everybody is a result of their experience. He spent time relating specific incidents he has encountered by interacting with the students and answering questions about his occupation.

"There are many misconceptions about Human Resources Management. The students should extract from what I say and apply it to their first-hand exposure to the job," he said.

Dologite is on the board of the local chapter of the SHRM, and serves as the liaison for the Lehigh Valley.

The chapter financially subsidizes Muhlenberg's student chapter of the SHRM to further the understanding of Human Resources Management.

For more information about Muhlenberg's chapter of the SHRM or the Human Resources Administration program of studies, contact Professor Frank McVeigh.

# AED Sponsors Blood Drive

by Lisa Grandinetti
*Weekly* News Writer

On Tuesday, November 4, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national pre-medical honor society sponsored its biannual blood drive with Miller Memorial Blood Bank.

This event is a great way for the college community to help those in need by giving something that all of us have plenty of—blood. This year the drive was moved from its traditional location of Seegers Union Lobby to Seegers 108-109.

This move concerned AED's executive board, fearful that students would not donate if they didn't see the usual setup. However, according to AED president Tiana Shekari, "The drive went really, really well."

Participation exceeded expectations with over 45 pints of blood being collected for area hospitals.

Tiana also credits the work of the Community Service office in helping to publicize the event by mailing out flyers to every student.

If you didn't get a chance to donate this time, never fear. AED is planning another drive sometime next semester and this time it will be running for two days.

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# Faculty profile: Dr. Russel Kauffman

by Louis Alloro
*Weekly* Editorial Assistant

As a resident of Allen Street, Assistant Professor of Physics Russel Kauffman prefers to "maintain neutrality" in the ongoing battle between Muhlenberg College and the Allentown community. "Sometimes it is difficult to float between both worlds—especially recently," Kauffman said.

Kauffman, his wife Carrie and their two year-old son recently moved to Allentown from Lancaster where he was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics at Franklin and Marshall. Here, Kauffman joins the Physics Department on a tenure track position teaching Physics for Life, Optics and Thermal Physics Lab, General Physics Lab and Recitation. He also team teaches and Electronics Lab with Dr. Milligan, Physics Department Head.

"Yeah, you can say that I am busy," Kauffman remarked with a humble grin. In his "spare-time" which is "very rare," Kauffman said, he enjoys science fiction books, music, and all types of sports. At lunch, he, Mike Falk, Bill Dunham, and Chris Hooker-Haring enjoy "a grueling game of b-ball in the gym," he explained.

Kauffman grew up in Southern Oregon in a "counter-culture community in a tent with my 'hippie' parents," he said. "It was very unique." Although he always knew he wanted to work with the sciences, in high school he was first exposed to physics and realized that "this was it. It [physics] combined my loved of mathematics with the natural world."

He graduated high school with eighty-four others and he was only one of a very small number to move on to college. He received a BA in Physics in 1984 from Reed College in Portland, Oregon. From there, he went on for his Ph.D. at Stanford University. It is interesting to note that most academics do not receive a masters in physics because most institutions do not offer a program as such. "So, I skipped 'that stuff'," Kauffman said.

He finished his studies in Physics at Stanford with a specialty in particle physics which is "the study of elementary pieces that make up the universe" in 1989. "From there," he said, "I started on the 'post-doc' trail."

Kauffman spent two years at Argonne National Laboratory doing research in particle physics and, in particular, the collision of high energy particles. Then, he returned to California for a year to do research at the University of California, Davis. Jumping back east, Kauffman spent the next two years at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island studying more particle physics before joining the faculty at Franklin and Marshall. "I just couldn't get enough [particle physics]," Kauffman added.

He is looking to implement a Research program here at the 'Berg with two emphases: particle physics and computational physics. "I've begun to do a little research on starting this project," he said, "but am still working to find out exactly what it entails."

Kauffman is very excited to be part of the Muhlenberg community. "I've been very well received by everyone and I am certainly impressed with the closeness of the faculty—not only amongst themselves but also with the students."

**Next week's Profile:**

**Mr. Dick Cowen**

# Living Writer Visits 'Berg

by Matthew Hittinger
*Weekly* News Writer

Destroying all mystery around his writing process as he destroys all mystery in racial relations, David Bradley, fifth writer in the Living Writer series, careened through student questions as the medium for a crash course in how and why he writes.

Author of *The Chaneysville Incident*, David Bradley encompasses many issues in his writing: tensions between history and the novel; his interest in first person fiction and nonfiction; his interest in creating, discovering, and filling spaces; and last, but definitely not least, his efforts to heal the rift between blacks and whites in America.

By the end of the evening, we were all left with the question concerning race in our society today: "Can we do it? Can we get along?"

Bradley read a work-in-progress, a story told in the first person about an experience in a classroom where he was guest speaker.

He advised a well-meaning teacher that she should stop treating a young black boy in the class, the only black face in a sea of white, as special; he should be treated as everyone else in the class is treated—equally.

The entertaining story extrapolated a point Bradley made earlier in the Q&A session when he talked about the current state of our society.

In this day and age we are so aware of our differences, we forget the overwhelming similarities, the common base and denominator on which we can relate and understand one another, dispensing the mystery that we so often feel when we look at a face different from our own.

Feeling that our country still has not found a way to get along when it comes to the issue of race, Bradley writes to take the risk of proposing a solution, right or wrong. Our history, black and white, is everyone's history, the gaps between the lies and the truth yet-to-be-known create a space for the novel and story to be written and told.

Bradley challenges us as he exposes the accomplishments and horrors of our history, breaking down the good and evil dichotomy: "Now that we know all these things, what do we do with them? The more you know, the happier you are not. Can we 'know' and still love each other?" Bradley thinks so. I think so.

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# MTA's *Brigadoon* brings an old Scottish legend back to life

## *Musical production combines classical and modern dance*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Editorial Assistant**

The Muhlenberg Theatre Association presented ten extraordinary performances of *Brigadoon*, a show about a village that vanishes from the earth, to reappear for just one day every century.

Admittedly, the storyline sounds unbelievable, but once you add a remarkably talented cast of 56 actors and actresses, and an equally talented faculty and administrative staff, the story comes to life.

The Muhlenberg Theatre Association's productions of Lerner and Loewe's fantastical musical *Brigadoon* ran from October 31 to November 9, and was well received by Muhlenberg students, parents and faculty. Director of *Brigadoon*, Jay Malarcher commented, "We haven't heard a discerning word about it. It is a good testament to the work [the cast] has done."

And hard work is exactly what the thespians put into this show. The group spent grueling hours rehearsing on an almost daily basis for over two months.

Vocal ensemble member Marci Kaufman explained, "We worked long hours for a long period of time.

Now that it is over, I feel like I have so much time on my hands, that I don't really know what to do with."

The talented cast of *Brigadoon* was comprised of numerous veteran members of the MTA as well as a sizable number of newcomers.

Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, the two Americans who stumble upon this magical village, were played by Brian T. Sherman and Josh Beiler respectively. While in *Brigadoon*, Sherman's character Tommy Albright falls in love with Fionna MacLaren and although he does return home, he realizes that he is not happy without Fionna and without *Brigadoon.*

Against the advice of his cynical counterpart Jeff Douglass, Tommy finally returns to the village.

Courtnay Griswold who played the role of Fionna McLaren had the privilege of singing the famous song "The Heather on the Hill" with Sherman.

Other crowd pleasers included "The Love of My Life" sung by Amy Armstrong whose portrayal of the overbearing, buxom, Meg Brockie was delightful, and Ryan M. Gardner's heartfelt rendition of "Come to me, Bend to me."

**The cast members of *Brigadoon* engage in a sword dance. *Photo by Carly Ringer***

In addition to showcasing the acting and singing abilities of Muhlenberg students, the performers also had a chance to show off their dancing skills through the numerous dance numbers in the show.

The most difficult number however, according to choreographer Karen Dearborn was the sword dance, [ performed by Bradley Ross, Nate Z. Lombardi and Rubin Ortiz] because it involv[ed] a different way of moving than the dancers had previously studied."

Dearborn explained, "The work involves quite a bit of repetitive movement with slight variations. This is the most difficult dance to remember."

The ensemble dancers, some of whom had little or no prior dance training worked together in numerous arrangements, to create a festive and upbeat atmosphere on stage.

A most memorable dance performance was that of experienced dancer Kelly Vivian, who perfectly portrayed the innocent soon-to-be wed Jean MacLaren.

On a more serious note, the modern dance routine performed by Jessica L. Swainbank at the funeral of Harry Beaton, was quite moving. All involved in *Brigadoon* did a remarkable job.

Now that the intense rehearsals and equally intense performances are through, the cast should take time to bask in all of the praise that surrounds them and their performances of *Brigadoon.*

## The Following is a paid advertisment by the Muhlenberg Activities Council

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Saturday night you can win money in the Red Door Cafe at "You Laugh You Lose" a comedy game show. If you can keep a straight face while comedians tell their jokes you can win big! After the comedy game show a Muhlenberg favorite "Hurry Down Sunshine" will perform in the Red Door Cafe. "Hurry Down Sunshine" is a blues band.

Sunday the Student Activities Office has a bus trip to New York City.

Monday will be a fun-filled day. Starting at 11am, Paul Kleba, the Card Guy, will be in the Union. He will personalize a card just for you. Monday night, the usual Monday Night Football, will be held in the Red Door Cafe. Buffalo will be playing at Miami. Come for 15 cent wings and a chance to win a gift certificate to the Red Door Cafe.

Tuesday is the long awaited day on Muhlenberg's campus. It is the biggest event of the semester! THE WALLFLOWERS! Do not be left out! Tickets are going fast! You can purchase tickets.

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# Part of the GQ's Motley Crew

## *An interview with Late Night worker Jason Motley*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Editorial Assistant**

It's 2:30am on the weekend, and you are hungry, but by no means are you fit to drive.

You need to find a place within walking distance (more likely stumbling distance), where you can get good, cheap greasy food.

If you are a true Muhlenberg student you know exactly where to go because you know exactly what you are craving.

You absolutely need a bagel bomb, and the only place that serves up the delicious bacon, egg and cheese combo is GQ.

While most students find themselves in line ordering the 'bomb, there is one hardworking student who is on the other side, taking the orders-- Senior Jason Motley.

According to Motley, he has been working Late Night GQ "longer than a lot of top managers."

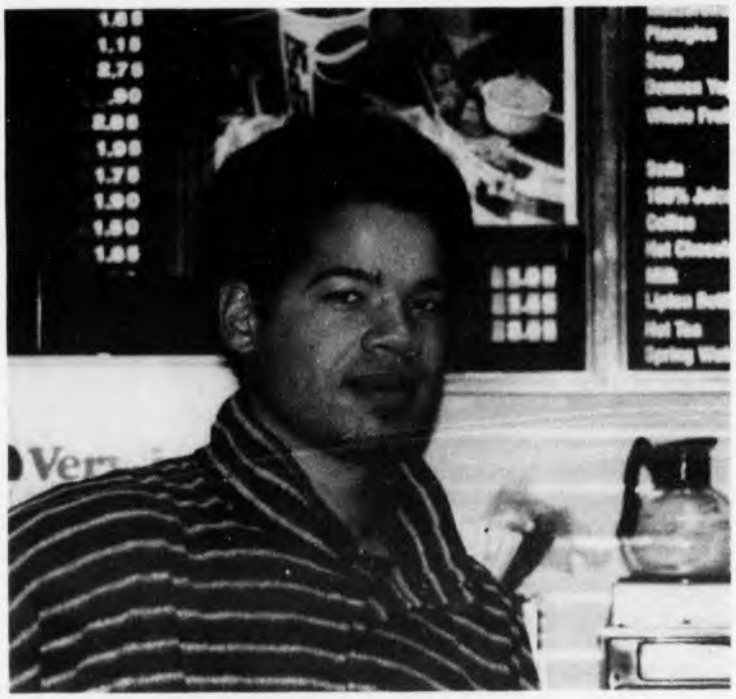
Motley continued, "I saw a couple of students working [at GQ] when I was a freshman" and after inquiring about the job, he was taken on as staff, and has been working there ever since.

As you may have guessed, the bagel bomb is the most popular item on the menu. Motley "think[s] the bagel bomb is a great idea."

Motley continued, "It seems to be a characteristic of Muhlenberg."

Although Motley gets to meet a great deal of Muhlenberg students and gets a sizable paycheck, the job does have its drawbacks.

I bet you never thought about it from Motley's point of view (especially considering that thinking at 2:30am on a weekend is not only frowned upon, but can actually cause physical pain), but how you act in GQ is still a reflection of who you are, as a person.



In fact, Muhlenberg students have been known to enter GQ "with total disregard." Motley continued, "The majority come in here and think that just because there are no professors, and campus safety [personnel here], that they can have total disregard. Their mouths are fresh and they try to impress their friends."

Motley attributes this disregard to immaturity, while he does note that this "is not a campus problem [but] an individual problem," and thinks that the solution lies in "everyone taking responsibility for their actions."

Another drawback of working Late Night GQ, is an obvious one. . . the hours.

Because Motley works Late Night GQ every Friday and Saturday night, he does not get a chance to go out on the weekends.

According to Motley, "If I do get a day off, I go home to Jersey to see my little sister and brother."

Overall, Motley is not completely dissatisfied with his job.

He gets to meet people, and he does appreciate those students who treat him with respect and those who don't engage in food fights or cop an attitude to impress their friends.

Motley readily admits, "I wouldn't be doing this [job] this long if I wasn't having some sort of fun."

So Smart Alec, the next time you enter the world of Late Night GQ, have a little respect and stop trying to impress that girl standing beside you, 'cause the odds are that the next morning she really won't even remember how "cool" you were in GQ the night before.

### Starship Troopers
### Movie Review by C.J. Lenat

The people who make movies are not stupid. They know exactly what most guys ages 17-24 want from a film; action, violence, humor, special effects and sex. *Starship Troopers* delivers all of those, in spades.

The basic plot, which is in fact the only plot present, is that terribly ferocious giant bugs from another planet are hurling meteors at Earth, killing millions. The Starship Troopers are sent across the galaxy to exterminate the bugs.

The acting was, on a whole, better than expected. Michael Ironside gave his usual good performance of the "tough guy" in his portrayal as the Trooper's leader. Casper Van Dien and Dina Meyer were both adequate in their leading roles. Denise Richards, on the other hand, was obviously cast for her role of Van Dien's love interest on her looks alone.

The most pleasant surprise came in the form of Neil Patrick Harris, of "Doogie Howser M.D." fame, in his role as the psychic who holds the key to the destruction of the bugs. Not only did Harris give a strong performance, but having the sold-out audience yell "Doogie!" as he walked on screen was humorous as well.

The most striking feature of *Starship Troopers* was the sheer volume of death and carnage. By my best estimate, the total death count was over 10 million humans in the span of less than two and half hours, a large majority of which were shown on-screen.

Never before have I seen a movie that so graphically depicted the maiming, decapitation, and general rending of limbs from bodies as was witnessed in Troopers. Time and again the audience was witness to hapless troopers being torn asunder by the vicious space bugs. This movie is definitely not for the squeamish.

Overall, *Starship Troopers* was the quintessential "guy" movie. Most guys left the theater entertained, most girls left wondering what they just wasted their money on.

### Commencement Speaker Update!!!

**Weekly sources have uncovered a list of possible speakers for the Class of '98 graduation. Among the short list:**

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# Your Weekly Horoscopes by Jenna McCallister

## ARIES

So, you seem to have developed a God complex lately. Do yourself a favor, calm down a little before you start to make enemies. Although you have felt that you can do no wrong, listen to the people around you. They may see things that you don't. A new opportunity will present itself to you before the end of the semester and although it seems a little unusual, think the offer through thoroughly. Do not just assume it is not worth your time, things are not always what they first seem. Although the whole dating scene has not been too productive and rewarding lately, the near future will provide a whole new opportunity to meet a different crowd – so take advantage of it.

## TAURUS

Hey there lover!!! So, you have had all the luck with the opposite sex lately. Well, now it is time to pick one person to begin a longer-term relationship with. Trust me, you will be much happier in the long run if you have one person you can really count on. Someone from your past will reappear and stir things up a little – be prepared. This person will come bearing news that will both shock and interest you. Don't overreact to the news and make the person feel awkward – you will need to work together in the future. Be very wary of easy solutions to difficult problems – they usually turn out to be no solution at all. Take it slow and you will find the right answers.

## GEMINI

Lately it seems that money has been a little fight lately. If you are careful, it will not get worse. The trick is to use Christmas Break to pick up a few extra dollars. Also, try to cut out all of that money that seems to be wasted on food – it will make a really big difference. A good friend of yours has been testing your patience lately but try not to take it personally. Perhaps that friend is going through a rough spell and has felt uncomfortable sharing that with you. Try approaching this friend and getting things out in the air before an explosion occurs. A change will take you by surprise initially but turns into a great thing in the end.

## CANCER

Life seems to be keeping you so busy lately that you don't even have time to come up for air. While being involved and getting good grades is of the utmost importance, fun is also a necessary part of life. This weekend, make sure to go out and have a good time with your friends because you don't want miss out on all of the good times. Speaking of good times, you will get an offer to participate in an extremely fun trip in the near future. Do not pass it up – something important will happen to you on this voyage. Some people have been trying to convince you to do something with which you have serious problems. Don't give into peer pressure – do what you know is right and everything will work out in the end.

## LEO

Lately your friends have been getting extremely annoyed with you and you have absolutely no clue what the problem is. The reason might be your incredibly bad attitude these past few weeks. Try looking at things in a more positive manner and people will come around very quickly. As for your grades this semester, it is obvious they could be considerably better. Although time is of the essence at this point, it is not too late for improvement. Take the extra time to meet with your professors and do that extra studying before it really is too late. Also, look to you friends for help with your work because they can be very helpful.

## VIRGO

So, whoever said that life was easy? You seem to be learning that lesson again the hard way – firsthand. Things may seem somewhat down right now but they will get better – if you let them. Just take life one day at a time and deal with problems one at a time as they arise and most importantly don't go looking for any extra problems to deal with. Your love life seems to need some sort of jump-start. Don't give up easily because the person who is right for you really is out there – you just have to keep looking. A good friend will come to you and ask for some advice. Don't tell this person what he wants to hear, tell the truth. Remember that honesty is the best policy – even if someone's feelings may get hurt in the process.

## LIBRA

The party never seems to stop with you, does it? You have gotten a reputation for always being the center of the party – even when you should be studying or catching up on your sleep. Partying does tend to catch up with you eventually – even if you think you are on top of it right now. You will receive an offer during the next few weeks and although you may want to take it, you simply cannot handle the additional responsibility until you catch up with what you have to do now. You are not Superman and you cannot do it all so think about recommending a friend who could truly benefit from the experience. That friend will be very thankful and willing to do you a favor in return.

## SCORPIO

It seems that you have been apologizing to a lot of people lately. If you take just one quick minute to think about what you are going to say before you say it, you will not be apologizing quite as much. People respond much better when you are nice to them and treat them with respect. Save up your energy because you are going to need it in the very near future when things begin to get really crazy. You should get plenty of rest now otherwise you will fall apart from exhaustion. Watch those around you carefully because someone close by is keeping a big secret from you. It is in your best interests to find out this secret because it will have a big impact on your life. An exam or paper in the near future will require your full attention so make sure it gets it.

## SAGITTARIUS

Many things in your life are quickly coming to a close and you are wondering what you are doing to do once it is all finished. Well, don't fret – you always have plenty of opportunities coming your way so you will have many options to choose from. A new person in your life peaks your interests right away and you cannot figure out why. Learn as much as you can about this person because he/she will play an increasingly important role in your life – whether you think so or not when you first meet.

Use you special talent for making people feel better about themselves when friends come to you with problems – you cannot believe how much these people will need your help.

## CAPRICORN

When it comes to relationships, don't make any rash decisions. The best thing for you to do is take a step back and evaluate the situation very carefully.

Don't be easily fooled by fake facades because not all people are what they first appear to be. If you do this, you will find yourself finding the right answer and not making any mistakes you might regret later. You find yourself getting very bored with school at this point in the semester and completely losing interest in the whole Muhlenberg scene.

Although you feel bored, try to enjoy this time because believe it or not – it will be done sooner than you think. Enjoy your friends and the good times while you can.

A short break or weekend getaway may go a long way in helping to bring back that positive attitude which is hiding inside you.

## AQUARIUS

Recently it seems you have been the pot calling the kettle black. Although many of your friends have been doing some very stupid things and risking getting in a lot of trouble, you have not been any better.

Try listening to your own advice and stop doing stupid things before you really do find yourself in a jam. Besides, no one likes a hypocrite. An opportunity for a learning experience will present itself and you should jump at the chance because this experience could be very important to your future.

When it comes to secrets you have found out, keep your mouth closed because you really run the risk of losing a good friend if you open your mouth with his secret. That person has a very good reason for not wanting people to know that information so respect that person's wishes and pretend you do not even know.

## PISCES

Your life has been like a roller coaster these past few weeks and you never seem to be able to predict when the next up or down will hit. Well, when you get involved in things, you have to expect to live life on the roller coaster. Things will calm down a little but the roller coaster shows no signs of coming to an end soon.

Friends are a very good source of support when the downs hit but do not depend on them too much because you have to learn to rely on yourself a little more. Remember, nobody likes a whiner. Read everything before you sign it because you do not want to commit yourself to something you really do not want to do.

Now is a good time to spend a little extra money and treat yourself a little because the next few weeks will get crazy and you may not have the time to treat yourself to something special once the craziness has begun.

# *Affairs* debuts at the 19th street theater

## *Seven Muhlenberg students star in independent feature film*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Have you ever wanted to be in a movie? No, not one that you and your next door neighbor shoot with your dad's camcorder. I mean a real (albeit independent) film.

6 Muhlenberg students had this exact experience.

Nate Lombardi, Kate Richmond, Elmer Moore, Ken Baldino, Bill VonRoth and Adam Matyseck appeared in the film *"Affairs,"* written, directed and produced by Zeke Zelker.

Richmond and Lombardi auditioned by their own accord at the end of last fall semester. Moore, Baldino, VonRoth and Matyseck went together to audition, responding to posters around campus. Richmond saw the signs as well, and Lombardi auditioned after hearing about it from a friend.

According to Moore, the entire film took approximately "6 days and a few weekends" to shoot.

"It was ridiculously fast, "said Moore. "Some scenes were totally unrehearsed, and there was a lot of improvisation."

"We had one rehearsal before we started shooting. It was very informal, very relaxed. Also, we were allowed to develop our own ideas and characters, for the most part,"said Richmond.

Still, the relaxation seems to have translated into disorganization in some cases.

According to both Matyseck and Lombardi, actors with smaller parts were only given the portions of the script with their scenes. "I don't think one student had the entire script," said Matyseck.

"It was kind of strange because the director was vague about the plot. He'd tell us what was going on in our scenes, but we were all unclear about the big picture," said Lombardi.

The concept of *Affairs* is complicated, and only became apparent to the actors after seeing it. It shows snippets of each character's life and at the end, their relationship to each other is revealed. "It all comes together at the end, "promises Richmond.

One cast member, who wishes to remain unnamed, commented on the lack of plot continuity. "Sometimes it felt like Zelker was just being different for the sake of being different instead of for a reason."

The grittiness of the script was also mentioned by some of the actors, describing it as "crass" and "in-your-face."

When asked about their experiences working on this film, each actor responded similarly: it was interesting. The low budget of the film hindered the quality, as they worked with a limited amount of time and tape. Each admitted to enjoying themselves during the shoot, and that they mainly did it for the acting experience.

VonRoth said, "I worked on this movie not to see myself on the big screen, but to gain experience for my future career. This was my 3rd independent film, and I figure that the more on-camera experience I have and the more knowledge I gain will make me marketable when I go on auditions. Projects like this are a huge resume builder."

Similarly, Lombardi also participated mainly to broaden his resume.

The end result has been met with questionable reviews, as many independent films are. Still, as Baldino said, "Simply getting the movie produced is phenomenal in itself. It was a great first attempt on Zelker's part.

"There were many good points in it. The photography, done by Muhlenberg alum Chris Seivart was excellent, and Zelker marketed it very well."

Baldino speaks highly of Zelker's business and marketing skills. "There were a lot of eye-catching posters and fliers around, and the movie's soundtrack is very good. "

*Affairs* opened last weekend and its last day in the theater is Friday, November 14. This might be your only chance to see it, as it is unclear whether it will be released on video.

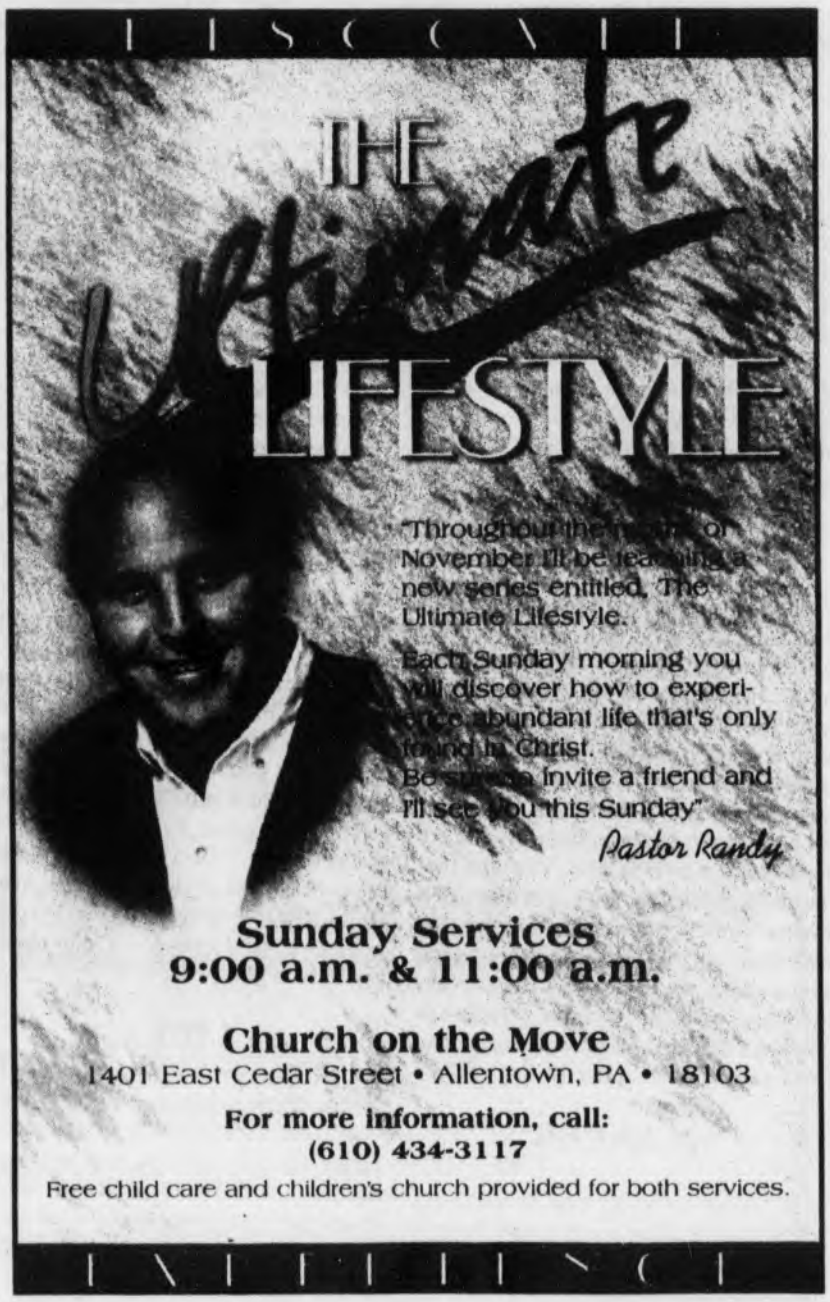
"That depends on whether a big production company buys it and re-edits it for release," said Moore.

*Affairs* will be entered in independent film festivals.

**From The Home Office in the basement of ML.....**

**Top Ten New Names for the Red Door**
**(With a Sports Theme)**

**10. Sudden Death Cafe**
**9. Foul Food**
**8. Unnecessary Roughage**
**7. The Penalty Box**
**6. The Gutter Ball**
**5. Hole-In-One's Stomach**
**4. 100-yard Dash to the Restroom Restaurant**
**3. The Sultan of Swill Saloon**
**2. The Pizza Pit Stop**
**1. The 1 & 9 Cafe**
**(In honor of the Mule football team)**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# Letters to the Editor

## Seegers Director Debates Columnist

To the Editor-

I am pleased that *The Weekly* has highlighted members of our campus Dining staff. The people who are part of our Dining Service work very hard, sometimes with little recognition or appreciation. Celia is a valuable member of our staff and the article by Ellen Gerber helped to give better recognition and respect to not only Celia but other members of our Dining team.

Unfortunately, Ms. Gerber also saw the need to take unfair and unwarranted pot shots at the food and dining experience. To have these comments lead off an otherwise fine article is even more reprehensible. The article is immediately biased by her personal agenda. The Dining staff works very hard to prepare a wide selection of menu items in an appetizing manner. The comments we receive from the "Napkin Board", the Dining Committee, and general student reactions indicate that while not perfect, the Garden Room does not offer "awful selections" that are "unappetizing and taste even worse."

It is equally hard to believe that if as Ms. Gerber seems to indicate the staff is caring and customer oriented, they would deliberately present a dining experience in the manner portrayed. The staff takes great pride in what they do. The Dining staff feels that they are an important part of the Muhlenberg College family. They were very hurt by Ms. Gerber's comments and deserve an apology. You do not treat family members as she did.

Sincerely,

Richard Begbie
Seegers Union Director

## Resident Advisor Upset With Wood

To the Muhlenberg Community:

I feel the need to express my displeasure with the quality of the food service at the West Side Semi-formal this past Friday. The dance itself was a great success, thanks to the RA staffs of Prosser (especially), Walz, and Brown and the help of RHA and Phi Mu. The students who came had a wonderful time and they danced till midnight as they enjoyed mocktails. One student commented that the presence of upperclassmen was indicative of how well the event was publicized. The only low point was the food (or lack of) that was supplied by the Wood Company and paid for by Student Activities. For almost $150 (reported by a reliable source), the party-goers were supplied with a small tray of cheese, some stale crackers, a bag of pretzels, and three jugs of fruit punch. This was supposed to fill the stomachs of almost 200 people? Have they ever fed a group of hungry teenagers before? Perhaps Wood should lose its complacency before they lose a significant long term contract with Muhlenberg. Regardless, Wood should consider providing adequate food for the price that they charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey McGee '99
Walz R.A.

## Columnist Discusses Administration and Liberal Arts

Hello loyal readers, it's time again for a @#$&load of propaganda! This time we're playing a little game called: Bottom Line (thunderous applause from the crowd)!!! I'm your host, Dylan Lane!! With us is Ray, a typical Muhlenberg, male college student; Ray-Anne, a typical female Berg' student; and Dean Eudy Rhernberg (the audience is really applauding now)!!! First up is our question zone, the part of the game show where we ask two of our panel delegates questions that make our third panel member feel severely uncomfortable! Ray, what made you choose Muhlenberg? "Well Dylan, I really liked the overall facade of the college; my parents and I fell in love with Muhlenberg the first time that we visited here". That's a great answer Ray; now Ray-Anne, what made you choose M-berg over all your other choices? "I'd have to agree with Ray on this one Dylan; the college really gives it's perspective students a great first impression". Allright then, thank you Ray and Ray-Anne. Now on to our second question: What is your opinion of the Muhlenberg 'experience' now? Ray-Anne, "I'd have to say that I'm quite disappointed with the difference in appearance and the actual level of freedom one has here at the 'berg'". Ray? "I'd also have to say that the predominant feeling of comfort and ease which was present when my family first visited here is quite different from the sense of constriction and imprisonment I frequently (every weekend) feel as a full time student". Once again, thank you both for your exact and concise answers (large applause from the audience for both panel members).

Buzzzzz!!! Hey, you know what that sound is right? It's time for our first lesson of the game! The announcer says (in a booming voice from above), "It doesn't matter if the product works, so long as it looks good to the public; a public that is drawn in on looks alone will invest in the product regardless of its quality". This brings us to the point of this game show, the growing dichotomy between the faculty and administration here at Muhlenberg. The berg' has a great overall facade, the college appears very welcoming and beautiful to the perspective student/client. It is this beautiful environment that attracts us, as students, and our parents, as investors, to this college; after all, what looks good must be a good experience right? The Muhlenberg administration sees the college as one large business affair, isn't that right Dean Rhernberg? Eudy, "I have no comment at this time Dylan, but I will remember that

**Worlds Apart**
**by Dylan Lane**
***Weekly* Columnist**

name". Thanks for your insight Dean!

Muhlenberg College is intent on drawing in large crowds of perspective students and increasing their availability to a larger population of first year students. The berg' administration wants to make as much money as possible, they do so by allowing the maximum number of students acceptance to this college. It is for this reason that the berg' stays lowest among pricing, on average, between other comparable colleges (i.e. Dickinson, Gettysburg, F&M, etc.). Muhlenberg can afford to keep it's prices so low because they're letting more and more students 'in' to the college. More students equals more revenue, with a higher number of students each year Muhlenberg can keep it's prices lower than those of it's competitors. This is why Muhlenberg will probably accept its largest incoming freshman class yet for next year; and again for the year after, and again for the year after next, and so on and so on. More incoming students results in more money. What the college doesn't tell you is that more incoming students also means a that a lot less personal attention is given to each student at Muhlenberg. The administration wants to keep the levels of incoming students on the rise while maintaining a level of faculty, more students and less faculty means that more students will have a significantly lower amount of time for individual faculty advising. This is the exact, underlying reason for the dichotomy between the faculty and the administration here at Muhlenberg. The faculty would like to maintain the "personalibility" of a small liberal arts college, but they cannot continue to do so while the population of the school slowly and consistently rises above the level of small!! Any comment at this time Eudy? "Not at this time thank you; your full name is Dylan Lane, is it not?"

The administration is slowly sacrificing the substance of a small (keyword: small) liberal arts education for the surface quantity of an academic institution intent on graduating a large number of "Muhlenberg" alumni!! Wake up students, it's you who are caught in the middle of this upheaval! Soon a liberal arts education will be replaced by a faculty with neither the time nor the effort for any personal student attention. Quality is sacrificed, once again, for the sake of quantity. Don't let this happen to the 'berg; clear away your clouded lenses and begin to see, with a bright new vision, the college around you! Any comment in closing, Dean Rhernberg? "I would just like to say that I'm a tool of this establishment, a finely honed tool at that, trained in precision by the military to... blah, blah, blah...."

## Columnist Disgusted With College Football Overtime Rules and Regulations

The plethora of rules flowing from the NCAA rulebook has to be questioned with regard to the wide world of college sports. Who is making up the rules for the old battle of the gridiron these days? Football is expected to be the ultimate war of blood, sweat, and dirt. We turn our TVs to NBC's wide world of college football on Saturday and FOX with the NFL on Sundays as spectators of the ultimate competitive battle—football. However, is this battle being reduced to nothing more than a skirmish?

The perfect example lies in Saturday's game featuring No. 1 ranked Nebraska versus a non-ranked aspiring Missouri squad. A valiant attempt to capture a victory over America's top-ranked team was made by Missouri; however, at the end of regulation with the score being tied the overtime to follow appeared to make a mockery of Missouri's efforts. Did you ever really give thought to how ridiculous the rules of overtime are for college football?

Let me elaborate a little bit on these rules for you. There is a coin toss to determine who gets the ball. However, whoever wrote the rules forgot to necessitate the need for the coin toss to decide the right to kick or receive the ball. Rather, the winner of the coin toss decides to play on the offensive or defensive end of the ball, engaging in a slightly enhanced version of twenty-five yard fight. The scene makes me think back to the good-old days of my youth playing neighborhood football within suburban Philadelphia. Yet, there is one large exception, a goal post was nowhere to be found in the middle of our makeshift end zone.

**Another View**
**by George Saitta**
***Weekly* Columnist**

Think it sounds real exciting? The team takes a stab at getting two first downs and advancing towards the end zone or when failing having a very good chance at making chip shot field goal to put points on the board. If neither side advances the numbers on the scoreboard, we move on to a second overtime, a possible third overtime, you know the rest.

It appears that such rules undermine the sixty minutes of blood, sweat, and dirt that characterized the Missouri's valiant attempt to demote the No. 1 ranked team in the country. The overtime process in college football is a mere attempt to satisfy the need for a winner, yet the process goes about it all the wrong way. Why not just pick a name out of a hat and declare that team the winner? It appears to me that it is time to start rewriting this portion of the college football rulebook, as well as many of the bowl rules. For now, the best advice I can give you is when a college football game is going into overtime turn off your TV.

# Editor Disgusted with Louise Woodward Trial and Error

**An Outside Perspective by Mark A. Koup Opinion Edior**

It is really upsetting to me when someone gets away with murder. We witnessed yet another example of this when Judge Hiller B. Zobel reduced British au pair Louise Woodward's sentence from second-degree murder to manslaughter. The judge reduced Woodward's original verdict to manslaughter and sentenced her to time served. So Woodward served 279 days while waiting for and attending her trial. That is all.

What is most disturbing about this is that an eight-month-old baby was killed. For those in the dark: Woodward killed him. She violently shook him to death. Woodward's high priced and arrogant lawyers tried to confuse the jurors and the public with evidence of infectious materials around the child's brain, suggesting previous abuse. They were even rumored to have turned down a plea bargain of time served because they "believed" in their client's innocence. Their collective egos took a serious blow when the jury found Woodward to be guilty of second-degree murder. It took a spineless judge whom bended to public opinion to reduce what was the best verdict a jury could reach given the circumstances, especially since the jurors were not allowed to consider manslaughter as an option for their verdict. If this is what the judge really wanted, he should have imposed upon the lawyers and the jury this option. If he can overturn a verdict, he can certainly impose this option.

I digress. The real tragedy in this case was that a child was senselessly killed. Blame can be placed in a lot of places. His parents have been accused of putting their jobs ahead of the well being of their child. They could have hired a more experienced (and probably less temperamental) nanny. Woodward is certainly to be blamed for inferior and abusive handling of a baby. Finally, the judge should be blamed for opening his trial to the court of public opinion. This verdict is a joke, and the judge let a person who murdered a child back into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The one positive action the judge made was to restrict Woodward from leaving the country. At least she has to stay in the commonwealth while the prosecution files an appeal.

I hope the prosecution wins their appeal, and Woodward is forced to serve at least the two and one half to five years that accompanies a manslaughter verdict. It would be a shame for a person who murdered a baby to be allowed to walk free without serving significant time just because some people in England are holding candlelight vigils. It is really sad that a judge in the American judicial system could be influenced so easily by an unpopular reaction to a verdict reached in his courtroom.

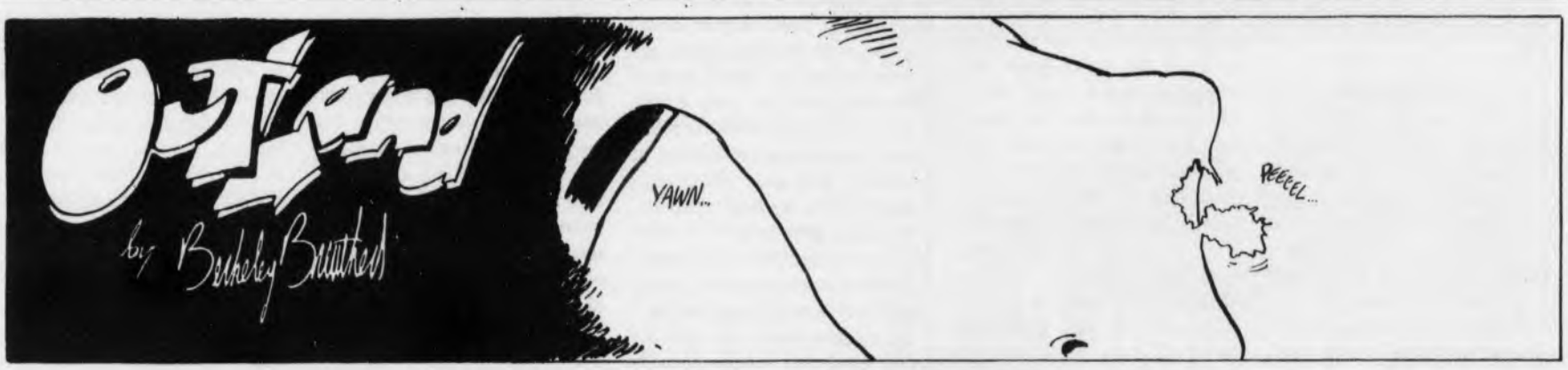
The implications for these events are extremely significant. Will aspiring lawyers now cite the case of Mass. verses Woodward whenever they disagree with a verdict that goes against them? Will Judges see the actions of Zobel and overturn verdicts to make themselves look better to the media? That would be a true travesty.

Now, residents of Elton, England will campaign to get the verdict of manslaughter overturned. They want Woodward's name cleared of any wrongdoing, despite the fact that she murdered a baby. At least one citizen of England wasn't on the propaganda bandwagon so brilliantly orchestrated by the supporters of Woodward. Sue, a British woman from Brentford was quoted "I think Louise killed the baby from the start- what is the fuss about?" I have a feeling many British people feel this way, but are afraid to say it. This story is no longer about a child being murdered; it is about Woodward getting an unfair trial.

Heaven forbid a murderer gets what she deserves. It is really a shame when murder trials become spectacles that highlight weaknesses within the judicial system. These are the times when something gets forgotten. In this case, it was the fact that a child was murdered.

How can this be changed? First of all, get the televisions out of the courtroom. There is no need for lawyers to become instant stars. Next, have judges that will support the verdicts found by juries in their courtrooms. This is absolutely essential if the integrity of a jury trail will to continue to exist. If judges continually overthrow verdicts found by juries, then why have juries at all? Why not just let the judges assign a verdict if they don't respect the integrity of a jury?

Twelve impartial jurors decided the fate of Louise Woodward. They found her guilty of second-degree murder. Maybe this was a little extreme, but they had no other plausible options. Besides, as far as I know, it is still fashionable convict people who kill children and sentence them to more than a slap on the wrist. What a travesty this case has become.



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NO. PRIMORDIALLY SPEAKING.

# Profile of a Mule: Steve Nemes

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

**by Jess Hirsh**
**Assistant sports editor**

Have you ever wondered who takes care of all the injured athletes? Well, Steve Nemes, Muhlenberg's Head Athletic Trainer spends twelve hours of his day looking out for our athletes. From 8:45 in the morning until seven o'clock at night, student athletes are busy walking in and out of the training room receiving treatment for their injuries.

Nemes spends his day evaluating injured students and developing a program that will rehabilitate them. Once teams start practice in the afternoon, he, along with the student athletic trainers are busy taping ankles, wrapping quads and hamstrings.

Nemes has been a faculty member here at Muhlenberg since 1982. He received his B.S. from West Chester College with a degree in biology and secondary education.

He then went on to teach high school biology at Parkland High, his high school alma mater.

During his last year of teaching, he heard about the opening of a position of Head

Athletic Trainer at Muhlenberg. He applied, and as you can see he got the job!

As he looks back since he has been here, many changes have occurred. He commented that "the institution as a whole has grown intellectually for the better."

He has seen many building changes, such as the library and the renovation of the Red Door Cafe.

Because of all the renovations that have happened, Nemes feels that the athletes have been pushed off campus. As a result, there has been less support from the faculty, administration, and students. Students and faculty used to stop by and watch a few innings or a couple minutes of a half before going to dinner.

"Now that the campus has grown, most teams practice and play their games off campus which lessens the crowd."

Nemes has made many accomplishments in his 16 years as Head Athletic Trainer. He is a past member of the Board of Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society, and is currently the committee chair of the ethics and college university boards.

Last year he was awarded the Service Award by the Pennsylvania Athletics Trainers Society. He was chosen out of 700 applicants.

Ironically enough, Nemes never believed he would be an athletic trainer. He wanted to be a dentist but a close friend of his suggested athletic training because he thought that it was Nemes' calling.

He was right. His personality is perfect for the job. He is truly a nice guy, and always lends a helping hand. Nemes never seems to get a break; he works non-stop until the last athlete leaves.

During his years at Muhlenberg he did have time to meet his wife, Linda, who also works here at Muhlenberg.

He also has a beautiful daughter Jennifer who comes in once and a while and lends a hand to her dad.

When Nemes has free time, he enjoys playing golf, going camping, and doing yard work. He is also one of the Eucharistic Ministers of his church.

Nemes is a dedicated worker. He says, "I wouldn't still be here if it weren't for the students."

# Muhlenberg students named to All-Centennial Conference squads

## Men's Soccer:

**First Team:**
**Todd Ervin**
**Sean Topping**

**Second Team:**
**Johan Hohman**
**Tim O'Donohue**
**Mike Finn**
**Dan Wilkin**

## Field Hockey:

**Second Team:**
**Andrea Cook**
**Becky Pierotti**

**Honorable Mention:**
**Carole Caine**

## Women's Soccer:

**First Team:**
**Celina Boer**
**Laurie Kennedy**

**Second Team:**
**Jackie Vanderstreet**

**Honorable Mention:**
**Jen Sands**

## Volleyball:

**First Team:**
**Lauren Buyyounouski**

**The *Weekly* is currently searching for a business manager for next semester. Anyone interested should contact the *Weekly* at x3187.**

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Football:** Sat. 11/15 home vs. Moravian @ 1:00

**Cross country:** Sat. 11/15 @ NCAA Regional Championships

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# Mules are conference champions!

## *Four goals by Johan Hohman lead Mules over Ursinus and into NCAA tournament*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg College men's soccer team won it's third Centennial Conference championship in the last four years on Saturday with a 6-1 win over conference rival Ursinus.

Sophomore Johan Hohman tied a school and Centennial Conference record by scoring the first four goals of the game. It was only the eighth time in Muhlenberg history that a player has scored four goals in a game, and only the fourth in conference history.

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Hohman is also the first Mule in ten years to record two hat tricks in one season. Hohman was recently named to the All-Centennial Conference Second team squad.

Senior Todd Ervin had three assists in the win, giving him 11 goals and 11 assists on the season, making him the first Muhlenberg player to reach double figures in goals and assists in school history.

Ervin also set a conference record this season with eight assists in league games. Ervin also holds the conference career record with 20 assists. Ervin was named to the First team Centennial Conference squad. Also named to All-Conference teams were Sean Topping to the first team, and Tim O'Donohue, Mike Finn, and Dan Wilkin to the second team.

The Mules dominated Ursinus on both sides of the ball, outshooting the Bears 25-12, and recording 19 corner kicks to the Bears' 2.

The last two Muhlenberg goals were scored by junior Dave Vivino and sophomore Ron Russo.

*Senior Sean Topping was recently named to the All-Centennial Conference first team*

Freshmen Brad Kocher and Aaron Himelfarb each recorded assists. The assist was Himelfarb's first career point.

The Mules ended the regular season with a 14-4-1 overall record and a 8-0-1 record in conference play.

With the win and the conference title, the Mules received a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. Despite the fact the Muhlenberg ended the season ranked second in the region in the coaches' poll, they're seeded fourth in the tournament.

Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg, two teams that Muhlenberg beat out for the conference title, are ranked higher than the Mules and received a first round bye. Messiah received the number one ranking.

Muhlenberg played Eastern College in a first round matchup last night. As of press time, the winner of that game is scheduled to play Messiah College at Messiah on Friday. The Mules have played Eastern three times, winning all three games.

This will be Muhlenberg's seventh NCAA Tournament appearance this decade, a number surpassed only by The College of New Jersey.

# Football team loses to Carnegie Mellon

## *Junior Jason Brader breaks rushing records in 15-point loss*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

If Muhlenberg played the whole game against Carnegie Mellon Saturday, November 8 the way they played the first quarter there would be little hope for them. For the first time all season, the Mules took the field lacking the essential ingredients for success: focus and determination. It was this momentary lapse, this quick extinguishment of the fire in the belly that allowed Muhlenberg to make a few mental errors and give up three touchdowns.

What happened? Were they still thinking about the last seconds of the Ursinus game? Did the 60-14 demolition of Swarthmore College only a month ago seem suddenly so far away?

Regardless, by the middle of the second quarter the Mules were able to regain their composure and come back after halftime ready to play this game.

Principle offensive weapon Jason Brader began busting through the Tartan lines. However, a hard-nosed Carnegie Mellon defense had been well warned about Brader, and for the first time since the season opener Brader was held under 100 yards rushing.

His 20 carries topped the Muhlenberg mark for most in a season (239). Brader's 82 yards on the ground set a new Muhlenberg record for most rushing yards in a season (1,262), and his 183 total yards also set a new Muhlenberg record for most total yards in a season (1,622).

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The close attention Carnegie Mellon paid to Brader opened the skies to quarterback George Fosdick. Fosdick went back to throw 56 times, and connected with 26 for 318 yards. Fosdick became the first quarterback in Muhlenberg history with three 300-yard games in a season. Fosdick's chief receivers were Kevin Cannon (12 catches, 110 yards), Kenyamo McFarlane (4 catches, 97 yards), and Brader (5 catches, 69 yards).

It was early in the fourth quarter when one of Fosdick's 26 completions made its way to the end zone.

In the third quarter, the Mule defense, back to showing the strength they had demonstrated the previous week, shut the Tartans down, repeatedly forced them to punt, and late in the third, forced them to punt from their own endzone.

Cannon fielded the kick at the CMU 38 and returned it to the 22. With only 22 yards between them and the goal, the Mules had to score.

Red zone difficulties have plagued the 'Berg throughout the season. A quick pass to Brader gained 5 yards, but two incompletions left Muhlenberg with a fourth and five on the CMU 17. As they have so many times this season, the Mules went for it.

A seven yard pass to Chuck Draper got the first down, but three plays later the Mules faced another fourth down situation, fourth and goal on the CMU 13 yard line. They would not kick. Fosdick's pass to Cannon was good, touchdown Muhlenberg.

Things got dangerous on Carnegie Mellon's next possession. The Tartans marched to a third and seven on the Muhlenberg ten. The Tartans had rushed through the Mules during the first half.

Now they would have no such luck. The CMU rush was stopped for no gain, and the field goal attempt was blocked by the fierce special teams play of Pat Boyle and John Hennelly.

The Mules scored again, on a 41-yard touchdown pass to Brader. Despite the total dominance of the second-half by the Cardinal and Gray, the dismal first quarter forced this contest into the loss column, 28-13.

Saturday, Muhlenberg will get their final chance of the season to see if they can play tough for a whole game as crosstown rival Moravian College comes to challenge the Mules at home.

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# *Wallflowers* play to crowd of over 2300

## *Jakob Dylan electrifies crowd with chart topping hits*

**by Brian Teta**
**Entertainment Editor**

The *Wallflowers* played to a packed Memorial Hall on Tuesday night. Hundreds of women and more than a few men swooned to the sight and sounds of *People* Magazine's Sexiest Rocker Jakob Dylan and his band.

While there were many different faces in the crowded house, few of them were familiar ones. Muhlenberg students accounted for just over a third of the 2,352 member crowd. Though the numbers were considerably below the desired goal of the Concert Board, those who did attend were treated to an excellent show.

Opening acts the Maypoles and Jayhawks entertained the ecstatic crowd for two hours before they eagerly greeted the *Wallflowers* when they took the stage at 10:30 p.m.

The band surprised many of their die hard fans by playing some of their biggest hits like "One Headlight" and "Sixth Avenue Heartache" early in the set. The group kept on playing 'till well after midnight and the crowd couldn't get enough.

Even more impressive than the band itself was the stage and atmosphere. Memorial Hall underwent an incredible transformation for the evening and it was easy to forget one's surroundings after being mesmerized by the professional lighting and top-notch sound system.

The one fault in the setup was the unfortunate hanging of a sesquicentennial banner which effectively blocked the view from many of the "upper-deck" seats.

The crowd consisted mainly of Allentown residents and students from neighboring schools. Senior David Zielinski summed up the opinions of many when he said, "The *Wallflowers* put on a great show, but I didn't appreciate having my school taken over by townies for the night."

When asked about the relatively small attendance numbers posted by 'Berg students, Concert Board Co-Chair Shethir Mustafa was unshaken. "The students asked for a Big Band and we gave them one. If they are too apathetic to come see them that's their problem."

Director of Student Activities Becky Grace put a different spin on the numbers, "[According to the *Wallflowers* management] for a school to draw half of their student body to an event is a big success."

It wasn't much of a problem for those students who did attend. "I had a great time, I hope they have Jakob Dylan back every year," said sophomore Ellen Gerber, echoing the sentiments of most females in attendance.

Junior Jess Hirsh agreed, "Having big names like the *Wallflowers* at such a small school is incredible. I can't wait until next year."

# Donation of painting brings controversy

## *Painting of Nicaraguan hero banished to closet due to misunderstanding*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

Aesthetic appreciation may vary on the basis of an artwork's style, culture, history, and means of expression. At Muhlenberg College, however, there is a controversy brewing that this concept of art criticism has taken on an aristocratic sense.

On November 6, the student-based Communidad Latina held a cordial ceremony in the Baker Center for the Arts to donate the work of art, *Agusto Cesar Sandino, a Nicaraguan Hero*, (by Isaac I. Arroliga) to Muhlenberg College.

The donation of the Nicaraguan painting was intended to be an opportunity for Communidad Latina to share Latino culture with the community, as well as create more acceptance among the Student Body.

Since the ceremony, a discrepancy has developed over the artistic quality of the painting, and where it should be displayed.

After speaking with Lori Verderame, Director of the Center for the Arts, Communidad Latina member Emily Gross reported that the donated Nicaraguan painting did not fit the "traditional style" of her art collection, and that she would not display it in the Center of the Arts where it was expected to be hung.

Verderame also admitted to Gross that there are several other donated paintings that are stored away in the basement of the C.A., and are seldom displayed.

Gross said, "It is disappointing that hardly any of our donated art collection is displayed."

When asked for a response, Verderame explained that there was a "misunderstanding among club members about where the painting was going to be hung, and that it wasn't originally agreed that it would, in fact, be hung in the C.A."

She went on to explain that there indeed are donated paintings displayed around campus, specifically citing Seegers Union and Trumbower.

Verderame also suggested that "there should be more of a follow up about the kind of issues and dilemmas museums on small liberal arts campuses face."

President of Communidad Latina Jolly Benitez said, "Communidad Latina as a whole declines comment at this time, and is in the process of trying to work things out with the college."

Benitez did say, however, that the future home of the Nicaraguan painting is still up in the air, but could possibly be the Foreign Language Department in the Ettinger Building.

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# Nationline

Things happening around the world.
Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

New Orleans—An auto mechanic has reportedly admitted to stabbing, bludgeoning, or shooting six people to death before he left the state, police said. The mechanic told neighbors in Texas he moved there to escape crime in Louisiana. Daniel J. Blank has also admitted to trying to kill two others since the Louisiana slayings began in 1996. Most of the victims were well off and in their 50s, 60s and 70s. Blank told police he stole from them to pay for his gambling habit.

Syosset, New York—A teen-ager who was shot to death by police after he waved a toy gun at officers left a note saying he wanted to die and was sorry he had forced them to kill him. Moshe Pergament, 19, left the letter, along with nine other notes addressed to family members and friends that were found in his car. Pergament apparently was despondent over World Series betting losses estimated at $6,000. Police called it a classic case of "suicide by cop".

New York, New York—Barbie will undergo some cosmetic changes, including breast reduction, facial reconstruction and hip slimming, in an effort to give her a more realistic appearance, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Monday. "Her profile will be less graduated," said Jean McKenzie, head of Mattel Inc.'s Barbie division. One estimate puts the current Barbie's measurements at an unlikely 38-18-34 in human terms. The new Barbie will be unveiled in January and will be phased in gradually.

Stone Mountain, Georgia—It was here in 1915 that the Ku Klux Klan proclaimed its 20th century rebirth on the granite mountain that gives the town its name. For decades, the town hosted rallies for Klansmen. But now, Stone Mountain will have its first black mayor. Elected with biracial support, Chuck Burris is more concerned about getting new sidewalks and more police than with the town's old image of racial division, but still acknowledge the historical significance.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Edna M. Folz's. whose right-to-die fight went to the U.S. Supreme Court, died Sunday in her sleep -- 18 days after doctors allowed the removal of her feeding tube. Folz, 74, suffered from advanced Alzheimer's disease. Her sister, Betty Spahn, fought vigorously in the courts to have her feeding tube removed. Doctors determined Folz was in a vegetative state and removed the tube just days before the Supreme Court rejected her case.

Jacksonville, Illinois—A forgery suspect who forced the evacuation of more than 100 homes by threatening to set off a bomb in a trailor park surrendered to police Sunday. Police acting on a tip moved in and arrested Larry A. Kemp. They had sealed off the area and evacuated the park's 140 residents. Kemp was wanted on forgery charges in neighboring Cass County. Authorities searched the trailor park for more explosives before allowing residents to return to their homes.

Scottsboro, Alabama—Experts say a spate of recent accidents proves the human element is the most dangerous thing underground. Two people have died in an Alabama cave since late August. Five other cavers had to be saved in June when a cavern unexpectedly filled with water. However, spelunkers still defend the sport as safe.

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# *Campus Safety Notes*

## Underwear stolen from ML laundry room

### *Campus Safety warns against leaving things unattended*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

**November 12**
1. Theft – Trexler Library – wallet containing credit cards and personal papers, left on study desk
2. Fire Alarm – MacGregor Village – cooking

**November 14**
1. Malicious Mischief – New West – snack machine glass smashed

**November 15**
1. Disturbance – SPE – two groups of guys arguing
2. Harassment by Communication – Prosser – deep muffled male voice left message on girl's answering machine
3. Information – 23rd St. and Gordon – damage to vehicle by a branch weighed down by ice
4. Fire Alarm – New West – pull station – third floor

**November 16**
1. Disorderly Conduct – 23rd St. and Chew St./ATO – Vincent "Troy" Lipani arrested, public intoxication
2. Vandalism – Shankweiler – smashed ceiling tile
3. Harassment by Communication – Prosser – male voice left vulgar message
4. Harassment by Communication – Prosser – male voice on answering machine rude and explicit
5. Fire Alarm – Keck House – burnt toast

**November 17**
1. Theft – ML – underwear from laundry room
2. Theft – ML Underground – 30"x30" end table
3. Dangerous Situation – MacGregor Village – male jumped off roof of laundry room on a dirt bike

**November 18**
1. Suspicious vehicle – 23rd St. and Libery St. – neighbor harassing a student about parking
2. Theft – New West – two hand-held microphones from basement classroom

***Campus Safety warns students that this is the season for thefts. Keep an eye on all your belongings. Also, if you put clothes in the washer and/or dryer, stay in the laundry room to watch them.***


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# Faculty Profile: Mr. Dick Cowen, Communications

## *'Berg grad returns with many fond memories and genuine interest in students' writings*

**by Ainsley Lamberton**
***Weekly* news writer**

One might think that when the professors of Muhlenberg College watch their students walk out the classroom doors, they want nothing more than to see those students apply what they've learned in the classroom. Mr. Dick Cowen is no exception.

As a part-time professor in the communications department, Cowen has witnessed firsthand his own students utilizing the skills that he teaches in his Introduction to Journalism course. "I am pleased that students are getting published beyond the classroom," said Cowen, citing examples of his students making the effort to take their pieces of writing to the *Weekly*, or finding a source of pride in their compositions.

Part of what he enjoys about teaching at Muhlenberg is the students' willingness to share their personal experiences with him in class, and how creative his students are.

Cowen is new to the faculty at Muhlenberg, but he is far from new to the school. He earned a bachelor's degree in English when he graduated from Muhlenberg with the class of 1953.

One of his fondest memories of Muhlenberg College revolves around the dedication of the current library, at which books were passed from the library in the Haas Building into the new Trexler Library one by one through a "fire" chain of people.

Cowen's father was a Lutheran pastor, and Cowen called many towns home, including Red Bank, New Jersey, and Jamaica, New York.

After his undergraduate years, he settled in Allentown with his wife Constance. She is a reference librarian at the Allentown Public Library, and together they have five grown children and four grandchildren.

The love of the written word has extended beyond the classroom for Cowen.

As an avid researcher of the ethnic groups of the Lehigh Valley, he counts nearly twenty seven hundred articles that he has collected from newspapers dating as far back as 1870. Also included in his collection are one hundred and fifty articles from 1904 and 1905, when Muhlenberg College moved from Fourth and Walnut Streets to it's current location.

Cowen also dedicated forty-two years of his life to the Allentown *Morning Call* as a reporter and photographer.

One of the last pictures that he took was of the late President John F. Kennedy, a month before he was assassinated.

He worked as a substitute teacher in the Allentown and southern Lehigh public school districts as well, his first experiences as a teacher that he would later employ here at Muhlenberg.

Today, Cowen spends much of his time volunteering on various boards of local civic organizations, and is actively involved in Democratic politics in the Lehigh Valley.

Cowen is halfway finished writing a book that he has been researching for nearly twenty years. The best way to describe the subject of the book, he said, is "sex, scandal, and social significance."

In 1988, Cowen wrote *Papa Raker's Dream*, a book about the Good Shepherd Home in Allentown, one of the most renowned rehabilitation centers in the country.

That book was the last to be passed down the line at the dedication, which involved three of his grandchildren.

Whether it be in the classroom or on the page, Cowen has demonstrated to the Muhlenberg community how success can be achieved with a 'Berg degree.

# Parking situation on campus to become a bigger headache

## *New construction and more students with cars will further overcrowd lots*

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

If you have a car here on campus, then you are probably fairly familiar with the parking situation here at the 'Berg. Because of our location and city ordinances, parking, or rather lack thereof, has evolved into quite a problem both on and off campus. Unfortunately, the outlook is simply not getting any brighter.

The main Benfer parking lot will soon become unavailable to student use, slashing another several dozen parking spaces from the already limited options. Take a walk down through the lot and you will easily spot the bright pink outline cutting through the constantly packed parking spaces.

According to Mike Brewer, head of Plant Operations, construction on the addition is slated to begin in March of 1998. However, he also warned that construction for utilities such as water and electricity may begin before then.

At this time, the parking spaces will become unavailable for student use. When asked if or where additional parking might be available for student use, Brewer replied "Good question."

Brewer added that during construction times, parking will also have to be available for workers as well as equipment. "We will try to designate temporary parking for this particular situation," he stated and then added, "We may have to add additional parking based on city zoning and ordinances."

Construction work will not interfere with other designated student parking areas. Brewer also stated that Benfer residents will be invited to use the 26th street lot for parking in the future.

Apparently, however, the parking situation is really not a top priority here at Muhlenberg. Again, according to Brewer, this situation is not really getting any attention even though it continues to grow as a problem. "There are so many projects going that parking simply is not a prime issue right now," he stated.

M.L. residents Beth Hughes and Melissa Nardi unfortunately tend to disagree. "Finding a parking spot is always a challenge," said Nardi.

The parking situation was a problem on campus even before the idea of limiting parking further ever arose. The streets, too, are literally lined with cars. According to Hughes, "They [Campus Safety] could issue fewer parking stickers or maybe tighten restrictions on who is allowed to have a car on campus."

The answer to the problem may lie in the future, however. Right now, the college is concentrating its efforts on the construction but will certainly have to deal with these issues as they arise.

Unfortunately, the situation will not just disappear and will continue to grow as it is now.

For the time being however the student body must attempt to comply with the parking ordinances as they are and hope for the best.

***Overcrowded lots like this may become more of a nuisance on campus.***

# Recollection of first "Big Band" *Peter, Paul and Mary*

## *Sesquicentennial Feature: A monthly look at 150 years of Muhlenberg's history*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

As Muhlenberg catches its breath from hosting the Wallflowers, led by Jakob Dylan, this past Tuesday, we at the Weekly have gone back into our archives to remember the Concert Board's first offering.

Ironically enough, the first "big band" to visit this campus was one of the legendary Bob Dylan's contemporaries.

Peter, Paul and Mary was the first band to play Muhlenberg College on March 8, 1963. They were booked for $8000 and $6500 in tickets were sold a week before the show. Their sell out goal was practically attained.

As written in the February 28, 1963 edition of the Weekly, "Peter, Paul, and Mary's appearance on campus...ushers in a new era in the field of college entertainment. "

The successful venture of the 1962-63 Concert Board was actually sparked several years before.

The desire for "big name entertainment" was an idea which was thrown around campus in previous years, but was one that was not acted on.

The spring of 1962 prompted organization, and several interested students met to form the committee. Initial funding for the committee was allocated by Student Council.

Actual work on the project began in October of 1962, and the band was signed and a definite date was given by December.

My how times have changed...

Both yesterday's and today's Concert Boards have put forth tremendous effort in supplying students with the kind of entertainment that they asked for. The time gap does not lessen that in the least.

Despite more complexities in the bidding process, and less student support, Concert Board's goal remains the same: to provide students with a "big band."

# *Wallflowers* show they are more than "one hit wonders"

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Sure, we can all sing along with "One Headlight," but how much do you actually know about *The Wallflowers*? Can you even name all of the members of *The Wallflowers*?

Okay... Jakob Dylan is the lead singer and plays guitar, and then there's...

Exactly.

FYI, there are 4 other integral members of the band: Michael Ward on guitar and vocals, Rami Jaffe on keyboards, Mario Calire on drums and Greg Richling on bass.

Otherwise, do you know anything else at all about the band that played Memorial Hall a mere 2 days ago?

Well, everyone is painfully aware that frontman Jakob Dylan is the son of rock legend Bob Dylan.

He too is painfully aware of that fact, visibly tensing when the subject is broached, according to Robert Hilburn of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Dylan does not want to be seen as an extension of his father, nor does he want to breech his father's privacy. Besides, *The Wallflowers* did not have it easy at the beginning. "I've been hacking away at this for nearly seven years with zero success, so I don't feel like it's [having Bob Dylan as a father] really helped me—considering how easy you would think someone like me has it," he said to Jancee Dunn in the July 1996 edition of *Us*.

Dylan began playing in bands upon his high school graduation and wrote his first song at age 18. The Apples evolved into *The Wallflowers* around 1989, initially playing the Kibitz room of Canter's deli in L.A. Their crowd went from "unhip" to the likes of Lenny Kravitz and Jackson Browne.

Their self-titled debut CD was released in 1992 under Virgin Records, receiving strong reviews, but not selling well. Soon after, two Virgin executives left the company, and *The Wallflowers*, afraid of being lost in the shuffle, also left the company.

After that, the band again had difficulty getting signed. In 1993, Interscope heard a demo tape and signed the band. Interscope is the label under which they released "Bringing Down the Horse," their second CD, which has been described by USA Today as "relievingly good rock in a sea of alterna-sameness."

*The Wallflowers* have fought to reach their still rising status, making a name for themselves instead of clinging to Dylan's lineage.

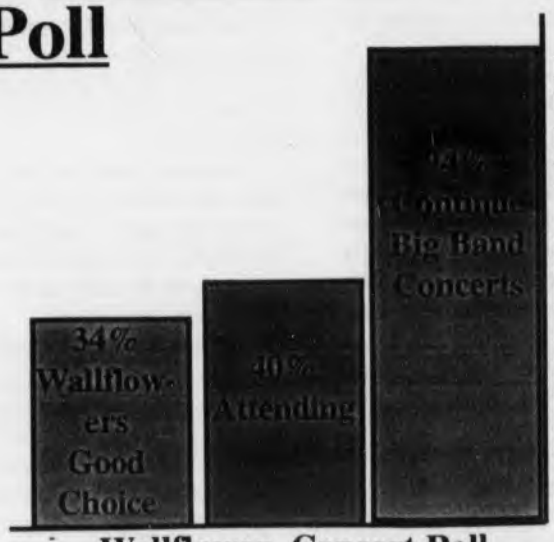
Dylan basically sums it all up in a quote he made to Hilburn that appeared in the *L.A. Times*:

"I think this record is really good...[and] I've finally realized that this is my life...that music is what I do and I am and who I am."

## *Weekly* Concert Poll

**A random sample of 'Berg students were polled by telephone on the following questions:**

**1. Will you attend the Wallflowers Concert?**
**2. Do you feel the Wallflowers were a good choice for Muhlenberg?**
**3. Do you think Student Council should continue the Big Band Concert Fund?**




**Wallflower Concert Poll**

# Editor forecasts success for John Grisham's *The Rainmaker*

**The Rainmaker**
**Paramount Pictures**
**Movie Review by Brian Teta**

It is an old cliche that movies are never as good as the books they are adapted from.

With a few exceptions (*The Godfather* movies and *Gone with the Wind* come to mind) this tends to be true. John Grisham movies are certainly no exception.

As a huge fan of his novels, I have had my hopes dashed time and time again as his movie adaptations fail to live up to their source material.

Whether it is because of huge plot departures (*The Firm*) or dropped characters and subplots (*A Time To Kill*) the movies always manage to rip all the fun and entertaining nuance out of the books.

So it was with great trepidation that I approached *The Rainmaker*, my favorite Grisham tome.

The story features the typical Grisham protagonist, a fresh from law school idealistic lawyer, this time played by Matt Damon (School Ties). Damon's Rudy Baylor bites off more than he can chew as he takes on the case of a poor family who has been victimized by a heartless insurance company.

Damon is assisted by an outstanding supporting cast including Danny Devito in a winning performance as Damon's unscrupulous law partner who has yet to pass the bar exam after seven attempts, and Claire Danes as a battered wife Damon's Rudy Baylor falls for and tries to protect.

The cast is rounded out with Danny Glover as a ridiculously biased judge and Jon Voight who slickly plays Damon's lawyer nemesis.

Familiar Grisham themes of ethics and morals are revisited but in surprisingly original ways.

The movie is handily directed by Francis Ford Coppola and while shaved down a bit, (The movie begins on page 120 of the book) it manages to keep most of the charm and humor of the original material.

*The Rainmaker* is a joy for both Grisham fans and non-fans alike.

# AMC Tilghman 8 Theatre

## Movie Listings for Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**Mortal Kombat 2: Annihilation (PG13) —5:30, 8:00, 10:00 (Sat/Sun-1:50)**

**Rainmaker (PG13) — 4:10, 7:20, 10:30 (Sat/Sun-1:00)**

**Anastasia (G) — 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 (Sat/Sun-1:20, 3:30)**

**The Jackal (R) — 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 (Sat/Sun-1:40)**

**Bean (PG13) — 5:20, 7:50, 10:00 (Sat/Sun-2:00)**

**I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) — 5:20, 10:00**

**The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) — 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 (Sat/Sun-1:30)**

**Starship Troopers (R) — 4:20, 7:30, 10:20 (Sat/Sun-1:10)**

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# "The Little Mermaid" returns to the big screen

## *Disney's animated classic once again captivates audiences of all ages*

**"The Little Mermaid"**
**Movie Review by C.J. Lenat**

"The Little Mermaid," one of Disney's most popular animated features, was recently re-released in the theaters. This time around, Disney studios digitally remastered the film, making it sound and look even better than its original release over eight years ago.

The story of the mermaid princess Ariel, her true love Prince Eric, the calypso-singing crab Sebastian, and the evil sea-witch Ursula is once again thrilling moviegoers of all ages.

The plot centers around Ariel's quest to join Prince Eric on dry land, and the drastic steps she takes to achieve her goal. Somewhat similar to selling her soul to the devil, Ariel trades her beautiful voice to Ursula in exchange for legs. She then has three days to make Eric love her, or she'll be trapped in the sea which's garden of lost souls.

Whether you're a six year old seeing the movie for the first time, or a boyfriend being dragged along on a date, you'll be entertained by a witty storyline, catchy tunes, and flowing animation.

The story remains lively throughout, with fast-paced action interspersed with such classic songs as "Kiss the Girl" and the 1989 Oscar-winning song, "Under the Sea."

The talented voices of Jodi Benson as Ariel and Christopher Daniel Barnes as Eric pour through the theater in a way that, according to Disney, will allow "a much broader range of stereo sound."

"The Little Mermaid" was the film that began the new era of movies for Disney. As "Mermaid" composer Alan Menken remembers, "'The Little Mermaid' was the film the basically gave birth to a new renaissance in animation."

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# *Live* lives up to expectations: Stabler Arena packed for concert

## *Band's skillful and energetic performance satisfies everyone in attendance*

**by Jillian Lovejoy & Sara Monaco**
***Weekly* Concert Reviewers**

The Wallflowers were not the only band rocking the Lehigh Valley college scene this month. Live played to a packed crowd at Lehigh's Stabler Arena last week.

The band, originally from York, PA, pleased the audience with a variety of songs, from those we've all sung along with on the radio to others which are less known.

The majority of selections were from their most recent CD, *Secret Samadhi*. They opened with *Rattlesnake*, the first cut on the CD.

Throughout the concert, they also played *Century, Ghost, Unsheathed* and *Heropsychodreamer, and Gas Hed Goes West*, which was the final encore.

The popular songs *Lakini's Juice* and *Turn My Head* were played during the hour and a half show.

Popular songs from *Throwing Copper* such as *Selling the Drama, I Alone, Iris*, and *All Over You* were crowd-pleasers, as any radio listener would expect. They also included the infrequently played song *Waitress*.

Even more rare, Live played *Operation* from their first CD, *Mental Jewelry*. Long time Live fans were delighted at this selection, which dates back to the early 90's.

The slightly disturbing hit *Freaks* was the first encore. Unlike on the *Secret Samadhi Tour*, lead singer Ed Kowalczyk remains in the clothes he wore for the duration of the concert, not changing into his purple ensemble complete with feather boa.

*Lightening Crashes* was another well-received encore.

Live put on an extremely energetic show. Kowalczyk is an incredibly dynamic presence, singing, screaming, dancing, jumping, and creeping about the stage. His sometimes gritty voice never lost any of its clarity throughout this vocal workout of a show. His voice never faltered, proving his excellent musicianship and highlighting his talent.

The lead guitar was a bit too loud, at times overshadowing Kowalczyk and the rest of the band. This was more the fault of the sound engineer than anyone else.

The set for the show was simple, which also deviates from the *Secret Samadhi Tour*, which featured an elaborate set.

The lighting made it more eye-catching, although there were no real special effects nor were they particularly high tech.

Kowalczyk's antics were entertaining enough to make up for it.

Audience members were on their feet for almost the entire show, caught up in their infectious energy.

This show was absolutely worth the money and the trip. Live's performance satisfied every audience member.

With the Indigo Girls appearance three weeks ago, and last week's performance of Live, Stabler is quickly becoming the concert hot-spot for the Lehigh Valley.

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# Your *Weekly* Horoscope by Jenna McCallister

## Aries

Well, things have been kind of hectic with you and the rest of the semester is not going to get any easier, trust me. Don't forget that the first reason you are here is to get that diploma and while extracurricular activities are very important, they do not come first. Take advantage of the extra time you have now since you left one of those activities and devote it to your work. Also, you will take a trip soon which will turn out to be extremely stressful but enjoy it for what it is and keep a positive attitude. Besides, it really won't last all that long. Also, try keeping your word once in a while and people may actually start believing what you say.

## Taurus

A lot of people have been annoying you lately and you seem to be letting it all build up inside. It works much better if you let people know how you feel and deal with problems as they arise. If you continue to let things build up, you will find yourself going nuts. Use this last weekend before Thanksgiving to get all the fun times you will need for the rest of the semester. You will be offered a new opportunity for next semester but in order to accept it, you must let something else important go. The sacrifice is definitely worth it because the new opportunity is a better learning experience.

## Gemini

Fighting has become a way of life for you lately and it has begun to take its toll. You need to calm down a little and look at things a little differently. You need to learn how to deal with people better before they do not want to talk to you. On a different note, love has not really been in the air for you. You will be best off if you just stop looking so hard and just let things happen as they are meant to. Someone will attempt to give you gift soon but you do not trust the person's motive. Don't be so quick to think the whole world is out to get you. Maybe this person's motives are truly innocent and they are trying to do something nice for you.

## Cancer

So, things have been a little show in the love department lately and you are starting to get a little frustrated. Part of the problem is you are continually looking to the past for answers but they're not there - and they never will be. You're a smart person, start looking to the present and your luck will begin to change. For the near future, honesty is the best policy for you. Tell people what is on your mind. It may hurt them but they will get over it. Also, you will have to start using any means necessary to get certain things you want. Don't expect anything to fall in your lap or come easily, you are really going to have to fight.

## Leo

Seems that you have been trying to play both sides of the fence. It is not very smart to become involved with more than one person at a time - it always leads to disaster. Take some time to think about what you really want and who you want it with. It is also important that you follow your heart and not what everyone is saying. They do not know what is best for you. Most importantly - remember that if you play with fire you will eventually get burned. A conflict between two good friends will get heated and it is important that you not get involved. If you stay neutral you will still have two friends when everything blows over.

## Virgo

Well, you have finally found a new love interest after an incredibly rocky period which almost drove you nuts. Well, you should enjoy the happiness because you have definitely earned it. Play your cards very carefully in the next week and you will get something you truly desire. However, be careful not to step on anyone's toes or make enemies because it would be a big mistake right now. As the semester begins to wind down, wrap up any projects that are still sitting around so you can leave here with a clean slate. One particular situation has you very confused because you are not sure what the right thing to do is. Trust your initial decision and don't keep questioning it because you will just drive yourself nuts.

## Libra

Lately you've been an incredibly bad mood - especially these last few days. Just forget what is bothering you because nothing is going to drastically change any time soon. The only other option is to drive yourself nuts and that will not get you anywhere. This past weekend was fun but this week it is extremely important that you buckle down and really hit the books. You have really hit that do or die point in the semester. Now, it is all up to you and you alone. Since money will be a little tight during the holiday season, you should start looking for those early deals now. Don't wait until the last minute or you may wind up having some problems fitting everyone in your budget.

## Scorpio

Well, you have certainly done a 180 in the past few days. That sparkling personality that you are normally known for is back and people are definitely glad that it is. Keep up this positive attitude and people will come get you. You should also try to avoid any controversy because you really do not have any time for it anyway. A new person will enter your life and attempt to take center stage but others are not so keen on that idea. Use those great powers you have for smoothing over rough situations and everything will turn out fine. You must deal with this situation and everything will be okay. You must deal with this situation as soon as it occurs or things could get blown out of proportion and become a large headache.

## Sagittarius

Don't be too quick to judge other people because you may not be right. People are simply not what they always appear to be at first and you should be careful not to misjudge them. Besides, how would you feel if someone did that to you? You seem to have this glow about you lately and everyone is beginning to notice it. Let everyone know the good news you have been keeping inside and let them share it with you and you will be even happier. However, be careful not to seem cocky and get on people's nerves. No one really likes a person who toots their own horn too much. This weekend, take a break from the normal scene and take in a movie or go bowling or something like that. You will enjoy the change of pace very much once you are there.

## Capricorn

So, it seems everything in the relationship area has calmed down and you are returning to normal. That is good because you will not need that stress any more. You have been feeling kind of tired and drained lately but it is just temporary. However, you need to make some of the effort to get yourself back in the swing of things. You have to start eating more healthy and getting a good night's sleep more than once over couple of weeks or so. Use those extra hours in the afternoon or after dinner to sneak in a quick nap - it will help. For the near future, it will be in your best interests to let bygones be bygones because friends are much more valuable than enemies - and you can use all of the support you can get in the upcoming weeks.

## Aquarius

Something you have been working very hard for a long time will finally come through sometime in the upcoming two weeks and you should be very relieved. Everyone knows how hard you have been working and the reward is definitely worth all of the hard work you have put in. In fact, you will get that much more out if it because you worked so hard and waited so long and so patiently. Do not let the others dissuade you from something you really want to do. You need to follow your own head and heart and come to decisions on your own because there will not always be someone there to take care of it for you.

## Pisces

Well, despite a very long and draining week, you have made it almost to the end. Do not go crazy now however or you might find yourself right back in the same boat or you might even be worse. Look forward to a good weekend and having some fun to get your mind off of a lot of things that have been bothering you lately. Things are not as bad as you may think they are in your mind. If you just look at things from all possible angles you will feel much better and actually be very relieved. Just remember, the most important thing for you right now is to view everything from an extremely positive viewpoint because it will help. Also, let people know if you are upset and do not keep it inside. You need to let those around you know what is going on with you if you want people to be understanding and help out. If you do not tell them anything, there is nothing they can do for you.

## If your birthday is this week

Your birthday will provide an excellent opportunity to have some fun - a lot of fun. Just forget everything and let loose - don't worry about it. Make sure to make some time to either talk to or see your family during your birthday celebrations so they do not feel left out. Your birthday will also give your finances a nice boost which they really need when those birthday checks come rolling in. Do not waste that money on ridiculous crap or you will be sorry down the road when money really gets tight. Just think logically and use your brain.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Senior Takes Offense to Lane's "Worlds Apart"

To the Editor-

I take offense to last week's "Worlds Apart" column Dylan Lane, in which Lane unfairly attacks and misrepresents the Admissions office and Dean Ehrenberg. Simply put, the editorial was unprofessional and untrue. Let me begin by saying that I am very much in favor of freedom of speech; I think that Dylan should voice his concerns about Muhlenberg. However, in order to be taken seriously, he must present his opinion in an educated and coherent manner with substantial evidence for his claims and refrain from character attacks.

I would first like to comment on his misguided appraisal of the Admissions office. In his article, he attacks the Muhlenberg Admissions office and the administration as a whole because they "want to make as much money as possible, [and] they do so by allowing the maximum number of students [to be] accepted to the college". Unlike Dylan, I took the time to call Chris Hooker-Haring to get the facts on the issue. If Dylan had done his research, he would have found out that no one in the administration was planning for 532 students to matriculate in the Class of 2000. It is not the college's policy, as Dylan insinuates, to admit more and more students so as to earn more and more money. On the contrary, class size at Muhlenberg, which by the way is a non-profit organization, actually decreased this year from 532 in the Class of 2000 to 494 in the Class of 2001. In addition, Dylan was wrong about students receiving "a lot less personal attention" as a result of increased enrollment. Dean Hooker-Haring informed me that the amount of full-time professors has grown at a faster rate than enrollment over the last two years.

Furthermore, as a Tour Guide, I do not appreciate his insinuation that the Admissions office staff, which includes Tour Guides and Campus Delegates, is intentionally deceiving prospective students about Muhlenberg College. His attack is a rather personal one for me because I am both a Tour Guide and a Campus Delegate. I do not lie to prospective students and have never intentionally misrepresented Muhlenberg to a prospective family. Each week on my tour, I share my Muhlenberg experience in a truthful manner, answering any questions that a student or family member may have.

I also feel the need to mention my disgust with Dylan's personal attack on Dean Ehrenberg. It was rude and extremely uncalled for. If Dylan has a beef with Ehrenberg, he should express it in a clear manner instead of hiding behind some cryptic little game show. He offers no evidence whatsoever about why he is upset with Dean Ehrenberg or his policies. In fact, when examined closely, Dylan's attack on Ehrenberg, the Dean of Students, does not seem to fit with the rest of the Editorial, which seems to be an attack on the Admissions office.

In closing, I have to say that no one is going to respect Dylan or his articles until he expresses his opinions clearly and concisely, removes profanity like "@#$&load", and uses a dictionary. By the way Dylan, a student who is looking at the college is a prospective student, not a "perspective" student.

Sincerely,
Brian Fishbone '98

## Sophomore Further Debates "Worlds Apart"

To the Editor-

When I see an article as misleading as Dylan Lane's "Worlds Apart" was last week, I feel that is my duty, as a student, to respond. It isn't so much the structure of the article that disturbs me; it's better than the "conformity on campus" one, anyway. My reaction is a result of the misinformation—the "propaganda", as Dylan himself jokes—the article contains. He rails against the Admissions office and the deans for sacrificing education to a financial gain, and as evidence he cites the growing student body. He writes, "The berg' [sic] administration wants to make as much money as possible, they do so by allowing the maximum number of students acceptance to this college...This is why Muhlenberg will probably accept its largest incoming freshmen class for next year; and again for the year after....and so on and so on." These claims are simply not true. The admissions office has actually accepted *less* students to Muhlenberg each year for the past three years, in the hopes of curbing college growth. The size of the student body owes itself to the greater percentage of students each year who *come* here out of those accepted. Moreover, the freshmen class this year is actually smaller than the sophomore class; if Dylan looked at any statistics before writing his editorial, he ignored them.

The article goes further to denounce the administration for not hiring enough faculty to handle the students: "more incoming students also mean a [sic] that a lot less personal attention is given to each student." Look around, Dylan! There are new professors in almost every department! Even if the college didn't care about its students, they would still care about their student to faculty ratio for the very reasons you criticize (attracting prospective students, for anyone who was too disgusted with the article to read past the cracks about Rudy Ehrenberg).

I understand that an editorial page revolves around opinions. Those opinions are often unpopular; they should be, if they are to keep the reader's interest. My problem is not with Dylan's point of view, but with his "facts". If you're not going to do research on an issue to see where you should stand, then you should not be writing editorials.

Sincerely,
Joshua Schwartz '00

## Student Responds to *Neighborhood News*

To the Muhlenberg Community-

I must say I find it very amusing that while our neighbors pat themselves on the back and momentarily bask in the glory of their "victory", they have the audacity to speak of building community once again. Interestingly enough, in *Neighborhood News*, the publication of our neighbors, the editors were more than willing to point out that nine Muhlenberg Students were cited for underage drinking. However, right next to this piece of news was a brief flash that some of their student neighbors helped trick-or-treaters. The word "Muhlenberg" was curiously omitted from this story.

So point to the extreme minority of students in your paper. Be "proud" of your accomplishments and don't forget to thank your mayor-neighbor again for his support (and considerable influence) as well.

Feel free to reprint this letter for your faithful readers to enjoy in your next issue as well. I would love to see us represented in an "objective" way in your newsletter. Just remember that *The Weekly* listened to and printed your side of the story.

Mark Koup '99

# Letters to the Editor

## *Weekly* Praised by Subscriber

Dear Editor-

I have been a subscriber to *The Weekly* for four years. The October 30 issue was, without question, the most outstanding issue published in that period of time. Beginning with the color photo, each page was creatively presented and thoroughly reported. The interview with Kathy Freed was excellent and presented a point of view different from previous articles. New columns such as Faculty Profile, The World According to Me, *literate* sports coverage, and expanded coverage of artistic, social, and Greek events are to be commended. Even the typos have been kept to a minimum! As a guidance counselor who visits numerous college campuses each year, picking up copies of student newspapers on each tour, I find the new *Weekly* to be the best I've seen. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Susan L. Sawyer

## Begbie Supports Food Services

To the Editor-

I would like to respond to Tracey McGee's letter in last week's issue of *The Weekly* regarding the food service for the West Side Semi-formal. I am glad that there were so many students who enjoyed this event. The budget for this event, however, was minimal and the quantity type of food provided was dictated by the amount of money available. In regard to the quantity of food provided, Tracey's statements were not quite accurate. There was 15 gallons of punch, not three jugs. There was 5 pounds of cheese not a small tray. The crackers were adequate and came freshly out of unopened boxes. There was a case of pretzels, not one bag. There were also the set-up and clean-up labor charges and the cost of the tablecloths and draping which needed to be accounted for in the overall charge for the event. Whether the amount of food provided was enough to feed a group of hungry teenagers is not the point. The food ordered was meant as a refreshment not a late evening dinner. The quantity provided was dictated by total budget and the number of people expected to attend. If food for 50 is ordered and twice that number actually attend, yes, food will be gone quickly.

The Dining Services are not complacent and is continuing to work very hard on behalf of the total Muhlenberg Community. Tracey should think about all of the costs and constraints that are involved in providing support for an event. Did Tracey think about the money and support that Student Activities and my office provided to make this event happen? She should think of the somewhat "invisible" but no real costs for an event.

Sincerely,
Richard K. Begbie

## Freed Rips Admissions Dean

To the Editor-

When I was approached by Heidi Herder at *The Weekly* about an interview, I hesitated. Interviews need to be based upon a certain level of trust. But after talking with Heidi on the phone, I felt more comfortable and agreed to meet. Heidi conducted the interview well. She was prepared with questions, knew enough background to deal intelligently with the subject and had a capable assistant to take notes. Heidi's article, published in the October 30th issue of *The Weekly* was well written and organized. She is a competent writer, and any true educator would encourage her to continue in her efforts.

In a time of building bridges in our community, this was an important effort. We need to applaud efforts such as these that help people learn about each other and therefore understand each other better.

It is with sadness that I read the response to Heidi's article in the Letter to the Editor by Mr. Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions. An intelligent student asked good questions, which I, in good faith answered. How did this warrant personal attacks and accusations? Divisive views such as his do nothing to foster understanding in our college neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Kathy Freed '76

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# Letters to the Editor

## Editor Questions Choice of the *Wallflowers*

To the Muhlenberg Community:

The disappointing turnout of 'Berg students for last Tuesday's Wallflowers concert raises many questions as to what went wrong. Assigning blame is a tricky thing. Tickets to the concert were made extremely accessible and the event was very well promoted. In fact, the Concert Board should be congratulated for being able to book the band at all. The Wallflowers are a very hot "A-List" band and having them appear at such a tiny school is a huge booking coup for the Concert Board.

So what went wrong? Why should a band that sells out in 90% of the country only play to half capacity here? Something is wrong when more than a thousand students would rather stay at home on a Tuesday than go see a top-notch band. The Concert Board would have you blame student apathy, and I will grant that it is difficult to get students excited about on-campus events. However, I view the apathy that admittedly exists on campus as one of the symptoms of the problem and not the cause for all activity planner's ills. The real problems exist in tailoring the events that do occur here to the desires and needs of the people who are going to attend. A *Weekly* telephone poll found that while 94% of those polled on campus like the idea of having a big band appear, only 34% think that the Wallflowers were a good choice for the college. It doesn't matter how popular a band is across the country, if the audience isn't here for it then the event will not be a success. Michael Bolton sells millions of records too but I don't see very many people at Muhlenberg playing them. The Concert Board currently uses their own tastes and preferences to decide what bands to make bids for. I propose that they expand their voting format to incorporate more of the general student population.

This has been brought up in the past and the response from Concert Board officials is that "Students don't understand the bidding process and ask for bands we can't possibly accommodate". Well, I submit that the Concert Board should help us to understand how things work. The students are not idiots and I think that everyone understands that we can't be holding concerts for the Rolling Stones in Memorial Hall. Still, giving us some choice would be helpful for everyone. Giving the student body a list of three or four possibilities to vote on in Seegers Union would be preferable to having the decision made by one elite group of students.

Respectfully Submitted,
BrianTeta
Entertainment Editor

## Editor Says Farewell to *Weekly*

To the Muhlenberg Community:

I was about halfway through planning this week's Entertainment Section when I came to a realization. This was going to be my last one. It is a long standing ***Weekly*** tradition that Section Editors stand down after the first semester of their senior year, and while I hope to stick around the ***Weekly*** in one capacity or another, this will be my last issue as a section editor.

I have been a part of the ***Weekly*** for four years now and I have watched editor after editor give ridiculously long and self-indulgent speeches that nobody reads to serve as their farewell addresses. Of course now that it is my turn, I plan to do the same. I'm very proud to say that I am leaving the paper in at least as good condition as I found it. There have been some really rough times for the ***Weekly*** during my tenure here, but through it all the paper has survived and is now succeeding beyond all expectations. We may not be perfect, but if we have the campus talking on Thursday morning then I feel like we are doing our job.

I have worked for three extremely dedicated Editor-In-Chief's through the years and I would like to thank them all. Jessica Gullickson, who gave more of herself to the paper than anyone before or since, Jay Faigenbaum, who kept the paper alive when no one else cared enough to try, and Larry Carney who returned the ***Weekly*** to greatness and always respected my opinion, never once making me feel like the subordinate I was. I would also like to thank C.J. Lenat my erstwhile assistant Sports Editor who took the section to another level on his own, Heather Brown who helped Jay and I keep the paper afloat last year, Aaron Karp who gave me my first assignment and editorial board position, and Jillian Lovejoy in whose extremely capable hands I leave the Entertainment Section.

I would just like to leave everyone with a plea to continue support for the paper. Working on the ***Weekly*** has been one of the highlights of my time at Muhlenberg and I think it is a student activity that almost anyone can enjoy and benefit from.

Sincerely,
Brian Teta
Entertainment Editor

## Worlds Apart Columnist Warns of Watchers

Hello, is anyone out there? This is a test of the emergency apathy system, it is just a test to see if anyone is listening. If you, the reader aren't, then let me assure you; there's someone who is. I can promise you that someone is out there right now watching your every move and decision. What you say and to whom you say it is not nearly as overlooked as one would think. Even at this 'a-pathetic' school everything is checked and noted before it goes in to print; big brother is watching.

I was the recipient of a phone call in response to last weeks article, the one about the dichotomy between administration and faculty. The message was simple, shut up or have your privileges revoked. I really can't tell you what the exact message was, but I can say that a certain someone.. a someone who holds a position of authority in the administration,

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

(am I painting a clear enough picture here for you?), told me that he'd have my kneecaps broken if I didn't retract my previous statement's.

What choice do I have? I told him yes and agreed with him totally on the phone, but I haven't really been myself ever since. I don't know what it exactly means to have your privileges revoked, but I know that taking back something I said in all honesty and sincerity would not be any better than having my 'privileges revoked'. I would rather have someone take my privileges than give them up willingly. You can break my kneecaps, but you won't break the truth!! My sources are all well documented and I have the original paper's stored far, far away where no one can find them!!! So go ahead and break my knees, you'll never break my spirit!!

Until next week when you find me writing fondly from my wheelchair...

## Northridge Uncovers Cover-Ups

Before I begin today's article I would like take a serious moment to tell you all about college football. The past couple of weeks there have been a number of knocks against our football team. Some articles stated that the only reason people went to the Parents' Weekend game was to see the Powder Puff football game. Last week there was a "top ten" list of proposed names for the Red Door and numero uno on that list was "1-9, in honor of the football team." This upsets me a little bit because I am a former football player for the Mules (O.K. so I sat the bench for two years, but I was still on the team). When I played under that "genius" Greg Olejack, the team would consistently lose by many touchdowns and many times by half-time the score would be out of reach. This year was much more exciting for Mules football and the program has improved by leaps and bounds under first-year head coach Mike Donnelly. So instead of ripping on the guys for having another losing season, congratulate them on how much better they have become and how far along they have brought the program. It takes a lot of heart and desire to come to college two weeks before everyone else so you can practice two and three times a day in the heat. It doesn't take too much to stand on the sidelines and criticize.

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

That having been said let us begin today's journey into the absurd. I did not see the movie Conspiracy Theory when it was in theaters, but they tell me it was about falsified stories and government cover-ups. Well wouldn't you know it but I found a list in the library of the biggest conspiracies here at the 'Berg and across the nation. So here they are:

**Theory 1:** They are expanding the Center for the Arts. Wrong. They knocked down Bernheim and are using the six million dollars to build a bobsled track. Student tuition will go up $6,000 next year for ice.

**Theory 2:** The reason there was no "World According to Me" last week was because with the thousands of dollars I make for writing this article I went to South Whitehall. No. I went to North Whitehall.

**Theory 3:** America's worst nightmare is being at elementary school in only your underwear. Wrong. Now it is being at elementary school in your underwear and your teacher Marv Albert wants to see you in his office.

**Theory #4:** "New Kids on the Block" make a triumphant return to the spotlight as "Almost Thirty and Have No Jobs." No. They died in a gang war with Hanson last month.

**Theory #5:** Drinking and smoking cigarettes is bad for you. Wrong. New FDA studies show high levels of Vitamin C in beer and smoking cigarettes can help remove ingrown toenails.

## Council Encourages Suggestions

Student Council's focus for this week is The Great American Smoke-Out. Please sponsor your friends and help them to not smoke today. Stop by our table in the Seegers Union lobby to find out more information. All donations will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Council Update
by Lisa Ansorge

Student Council is sponsoring the Scotty Wood basketball tournament which will be held tomorrow and Saturday. Please come out and support our team.

The Powder Puff football game, over Parent's Weekend, was a great success. The future of Powder Puff is in the works. We are looking to have it as an intramural sport, as well as a developing tournament.

The food committee has been investigating what students really want from our food service. Plans to alleviate lines are being discussed, as well as new food stations in the Garden Room. A suggestion box has been put in the GQ. If you have any other questions or comments please call me at x4365.

The renovation of the Red Door is going well. The mural, which is being painted by Christian Subbio, will soon be complete. Possible plans to follow are sports uniforms for the employees, a coffee table and a score board. Suggestions are always welcome.

If you have an interest in any of Student Council's current projects or issues you are encouraged to attend our meetings. They are held every week at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor in the Haas building.

# Purpose of Middle East Conflict in Question

**Another View by George Saitta *Weekly* Columnist**

What is the United States' responsibility with respect to maintaining peace in the Middle East? As the ultimate power figure of the United Nations, it appears we are being called upon once again to uphold the peace in the Middle East and possibly even a greater sense of tranquility throughout the world. Now five years after the Persian Gulf War, Saddam Hussein is again calling our bluff and trying to play "tough guy." The questions I pose to you the reader this week is, Why are we still playing Saddam's foolish little games?

The United States is again willing to send its sons and daughters over to the Persian Gulf to slap Saddam on the wrist for being naughty. Yet, this slap on the wrist comes with a high price to pay. The Gulf War of 1991, was far from what one might call a minor dabble in the strategum warfare. A number of good men and women of our armed forces lost their lives in a quest to protect the smaller arab states, such as Kuwait, from the sinister grasp of Hussein. Millions of dollars later and the shedding of blood by our wonderful patriotic nation and what respect do we get for it?

All you have to do is open up the November 17th edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirier* and read the front page. A nice bold subcaption to the lead article Albright rebuffed over Iraq stands out proclaiming, "The Persian Gulf states refused to support a hard line. Even Kuwait, once Hussein's target, said it opposed U.S. air strikes." Kuwat's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, Sheik Sabah al-Ahamad al-Sabah, is quoted in the article as telling reporters, "Any military attack would harm the Iraqi people and neighbors." How nice, all of a sudden Kuwait and Iraq are best of friends.

At the presence of Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, making her rounds of the Persian Gulf states this past weekend in an attempt to muster international strength against Hussein, the *sneak* of the Middle East told his cabinet that he wanted to avoid military confrontation with the United Sates. Yet, Hussein is still playing games with the idea of letting U.S. inspectors from the United Nations make their rounds of the Iraqi weapon stockpiles.

Even if the various weapon housing sites of the Iraqi armed forces are eventually visited by U.N. inspectors, there is no guarantee that Hussein is not hiding weapons of mass destruction elsewhere, particularly the chemical and biological arsenal that Iraq is believed to posess. General Norman Schwarzkopf said it best when he told reporters on Sunday, "Air strikes and cruise missles alone would not be enough to destroy Iraq's stockpiles. For this reason, the inspectors must be allowed to return."

The truth of the matter is Saddam Hussein simply cannot be trusted. I like to think of Saddam as the ever-so-kind, greasy mechanic charging customers $60 dollars for a routine oil change. Do you like being taken for a ride? It appears Saddam is once again getting a good rise out of the United States.

# How Healthy are They?

**An Outside Perspective by Mark A. Koup Opinion Editor**

The cover-ups continue. Presidents from Chester Arthur to Bill Clinton have had various disorders or medical issues that have made them incapacitated for a period of time. This is nothing abnormal. What we should be curious about is who is actually making the decisions that influence the country.

Most Americans didn't even know that Franklin Roosevelt was confined to a wheelchair (this was before the advent of the swarming media). Roosevelt also suffered from high blood pressure and heart disease. John F. Kennedy had Addison's disease, and was addicted to painkillers that were used to alleviate his back pain. Finally, when Ronald Reagan was shot, no one was left in charge. This could have been a formula for disaster.

The 25th amendment has come into question lately; opponents question its effectiveness in times of crisis. When is the President fit again to assume the duties of his office? Should this be decision made by Doctors, as the *Philadelphia Inquirer* seems to suggest, or should high-ranking politicians determine the lucidity and fitness of their boss? These questions need to be answered.

Ronald Reagan had the beginning stages of Alzheimer's disease while still in office. It was obvious that he was a lame duck at this point, but what would have happened if he needed to make a crucial national security issue? Would then Vice-President Bush have made the call? Or perhaps a top aid? Maybe even the first lady? Who should be making these decisions?

What will happen if President Clinton decides to go back to Greg Norman's house and indulge in whatever influenced his perception after the round of golf? The question is when Clinton is in the ICU, who will be calling the shots? I hope, if nothing else, Greg Norman doesn't have a say. That would be bad.

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by Berkeley Breathed
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SESAME PRODUCTIONS

# Football team loses last game of season to Moravian, 21-16

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day, as Muhlenberg forced two more fumbles, recovered by DE Ken Rayhon and DT Frank Marrero. Rayhon and Howlett each also had a quarterback sack. DT and Captain Jason Novak and LB and Captain Jim Socci each had 1/2 sack apiece.

Early in the second quarter, a Moravian punt landed on the muddy Mule 4 yard line. It looked dangerous; the last time the Mules were so deep in their territory was at the end of the Ursinus game when a safety cost the Mules the game. This time they again handed off to Brader, who rushed through the Moravian line. Brader was hit, held, but he refused to be tackled. It took the entire Moravian secondary to bring Brader down at the 17.

The Mules advanced to the 30 before being stopped. Frank Gripp punted, Moravian caught it and ran it back, but another big special teams hit by Socci knocked the ball loose. Marrero recovered. The stands erupted with cheers.

Energized by this huge special teams play, Fosdick marched his offense to the Moravian three yard line, then found Lunn again who scampered into the endzone for another touchdown.

Despite Dylan Sapir's extra point sailing wide left, Muhlenberg now lead 13-0, their largest lead since last month's 60-14 obliteration of Swarthmore.

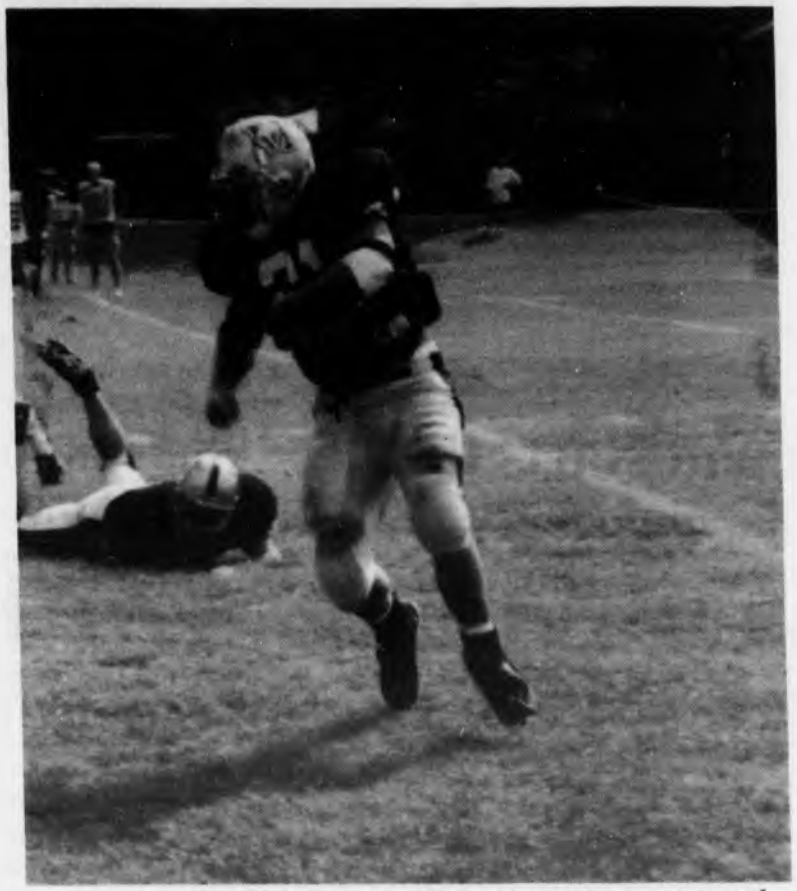
In the third quarter, the grey clouds moved in to totally cover the sky. The air became bitterly cold, and the middle of the field became thick with mud. Muhlenberg continued to move the ball; Fosdick (19 for 41) would end the day with 213 yards, 98 to Cannon on 7 catches, 54 to Lunn on 6. Brader continued to scramble, but the Mules were unable to finish any drive deeper than the Moravian 23. Moravian, not letting down, found the endzone again at the end of the third to take the lead 14-13.

On their next series the Mules struck back, going 59 yards to set up a Sapir field goal to reclaim the lead, 16-14. Though the defense stopped Moravian 3 and out on the next series, the Moravian defense intercepted a Mule pass and ran it 22-yards to the endzone, 21-16.

The Mules would continue to fight, but the Moravian defense had finally learned to stop the favorite Mule screen pass to Cannon. With only 45 seconds remaining, the Mules began a drive that moved the ball to the Moravian 23. But the grey clouds remained and time expired.

Jason Brader rushed for 144 total yards, increasing the season rushing record he set last week against Carnegie Mellon to 1,406.

Brader's outstanding play won him the Capobianco Trophy as Most Valuable Player in this, the 46th annual Muhlenberg-Moravian game.



*Junior running back Jason Brader set the single-season record for total rushing yards with 1,406*

## The 16th Annual Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament

### November 21 & 22 Memorial Hall

Tournament Schedule

**Friday, November 21**

Women's Basketball
1 pm Cabrini (Pa.) College vs Union (N.Y.) College
3 pm Muhlenberg College vs Wesleyan (Conn.) University

Men's Basketball
6 pm Moravian College vs Union College (N.Y.) College
8 pm Muhlenberg College vs Wesleyan (Conn.) University

**Saturday, November 22**

1 pm Women's Consolation Game
3 pm Men's Consolation Game
6 pm Women's Championship Game
8 pm Men's Championship Game

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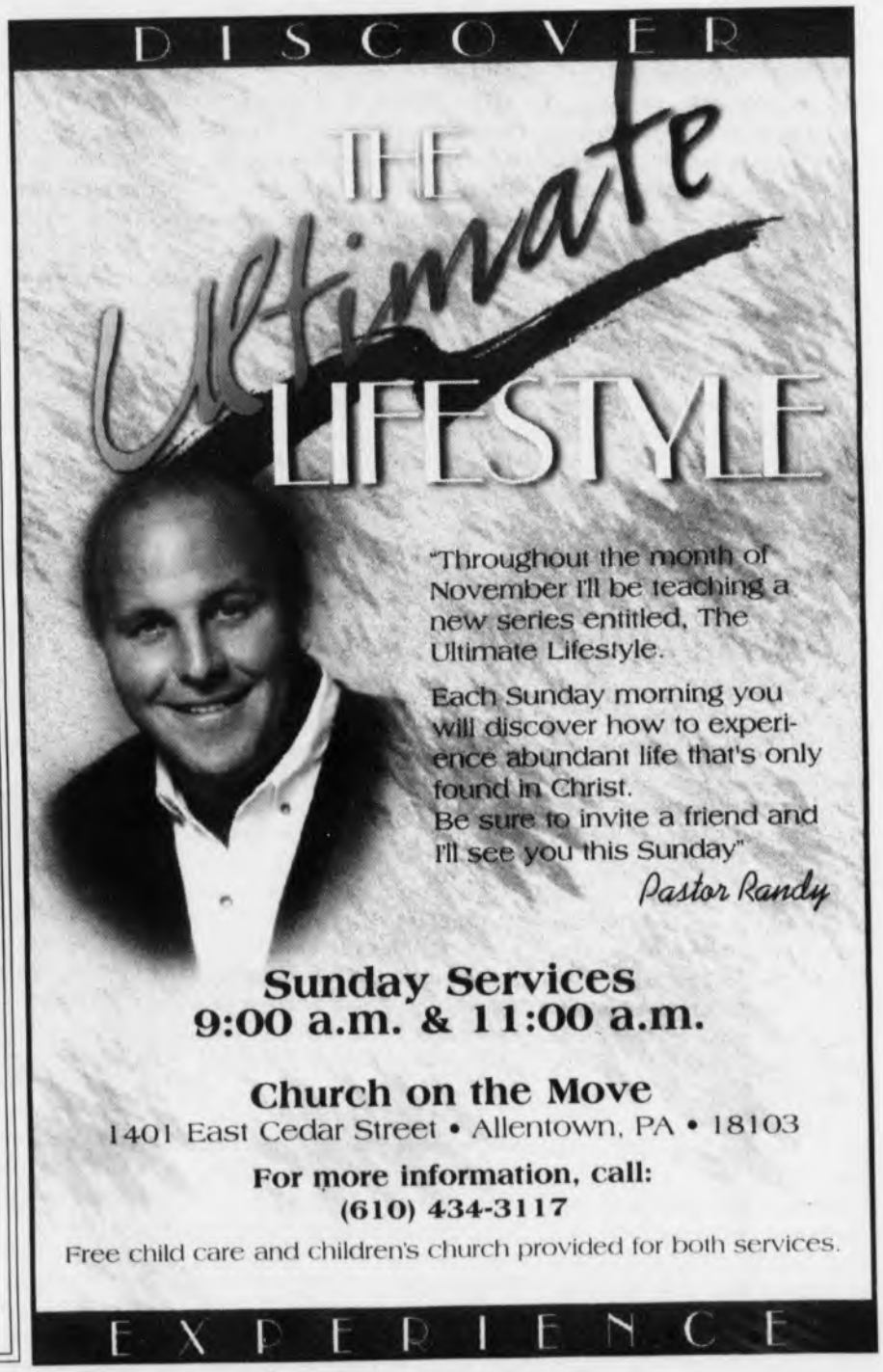
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# Soccer team loses in regional championship game

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overtime, which consisted of two 15 minute halves. Gettysberg scrapped for a second goal with only 1 minute, 35 seconds remaining in the second 15 minute overtime. The Mules had narrowly missed a scoring opportunity when a header by Dave Ervin hit the cross bar, but 'Berg was called for offsides on the play.

The loss ended the season for the Mules and the careers of six seniors, who have gone 60-13-10 in four years with four NCAA appearances, including one Final Four berth. The seniors also have three conference titles to their credit.

"The season was up and down and I'm surprised that we got as far as we did," said junior Mike Hamelton. "To get to the Sweet 16 was a great experience which leaves good things to look forward to for next season."

Muhlenberg finished the season with an overall record of 16-5-1, and a conference record of 8-0-1.

"This year as a whole was successful and it was good to learn from the seniors," said junior Kevin Mastropole. "I hope the underclassmen will be able to take the place of the seniors."

# 14th Annual Scotty Wood tournament starts the '97-'98 season

## *Both the men's and women's teams look to compete for the conference title*

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only two players to ever be named to the All-Conference team as freshmen.

Clarke is already in the top ten in assists and steals after only two years, and could break the assist record this season.

Sandt had one of the best freshmen seasons in school history, averaging almost 12 points per game, and setting a school record by hitting a three-pointer in 14 consecutive games.

Also returning for the Mules are junior Jill Roth, who averaged 11.6 points per game last year, senior Sue Carney, an outside shooting threat, senior Sarah Bedi, the active career leader in points and rebounds, junior Amanda Waterbury, and senior Lauren Krakowski.

New faces this year include freshmen Jennifer O'Neill , Valerie Uras, Leigh Dawson and Jessica Drennan.

The men's team is trying to improve on last season's tie for second place in the East Division.

The defense for the Mules is not a problem, as last year they held opponents to an average of 63.2 points per game, the best number in 12 years. The offense, on the other hand, is in question. Last year the offense averaged only 63.4 points per game, the lowest in 14 years. The shooting percentage was a 20-year low of .431.

The Mules are returning all five starters from last year, and all but one letterwinner, so experience is not a problem. First-team All-Conference guard Michael Queenan, who averaged 12.3 points per game last season, will lead the Mules in the backcourt.

Junior Jim Doumato returns as the Mules dominant force in the paint. Doumato averaged over 10 points and eight rebounds per game last year, while blocking a team-high 29 shots.

Others returning for the Mules are sophomore Matt Schneider, who averaged over eight points per game last year, sophomore Mark Morrison, who chipped in 6.1 points per game, senior Jeff Graham, a versatile sixth-man, and senior Matt Henrich, who led the team in assists last year. Junior Brian Shurmann, and sophomores Chris Kenny, Joe Melograna, Kenyamo McFarlane, Scott Neilsen and Eric Nothstein, and Pat Loftus are also returning for the Mules.

The biggest addition to the team, literally, is six-foot, eight-inch freshman center Dave Fowler. Other freshmen joining the team are Ryan Graver, Bill Wise, Paul Swedloff, Nick Noto, Erik Gudim, and Brandon Minde.

Both the men's and women's teams show great promise for the upcoming year, and look to start a successful season this weekend at the Scotty Wood Tournament.

# Wrestling team prepares for upcoming season

## *Returning players and incoming faces look to capture conference title*

**by Justin Taylor**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The Muhlenberg wrestling team finished last year's wrestling season in an impressive fashion. The Mules managed a fourth place finish at the Centennial Conference Championships, and a ninth place finish at the NCAA East Regional Qualifier, despite only competing with six wrestlers.

One of this year's goals for the Head Coach Tom Schleicher was to recruit a number of new freshmen onto the team. Successful in this task, coach Shleicher was able to recruit nine new freshmen wrestlers, all with impressive high school careers.

Ryan Hutchins, a freshman from Portland, Maine, won the Maine State Championships at 125lb weight class, as well as taking first in the Western Maine Regional, and being named a 1997 Academic All-American.

Christopher Austin Lee from Unionville High, in West Chester, Pennsylvania, took second in the SCCL Leagues, and second in the Section IV, as well as being named to the SCCL All League Team at 145lbs.

Lucas E Gilbreth from Wilbraham and Monson Academy, wrestling at 152lbs, took second at the Class A Tournament, and fourth at the Prep School New England Tournament.

Donald G. Swift of Hockessin, Delaware, wrestling at 160lbs, captured first in the Independent Conference Tourney and third at the Independent Delaware States.

John Slokovitz who wrestled 189lbs and 220lbs at Sachem High School on Long Island, took first at the Sachem Invitational and third at the League I tournament, as well as earning All-League and Scholar Athlete honors.

Dan Ochou of Manheim, Pennsylvania, wrestling in the 160 pound weight class, placed fourth at the Lancaster Lebanon League Tournament, and third in the Sectionals. Ochou also won the District III Wrestling Coaches Association Scholarship.

Brett Rackoff, who wrestled both in the 112 and 119 pound weight classes at Somers High, in Somers, New York, placed second at the Shoreline and Beacon Tourney's, and first in the Super 16 tournament, as well as taking second in his Divisional Tournament. Rackoff was also named All League and All County.

Robert W. Schmidt Jr. wrestling for Louis E. Dieruff, here in Allentown, wrestled at 140lbs, and finished in fifth and sixth place four consecutive years at the Christmas City tournament.

Will Diefenderfer from Great Falls, Virginia, wrestled heavy weight at Trinity-Pawing High, and took fifth at the WNESA Tourney, and second at the Canterbury Tournament.

Returning for the Mules are sophomore Jason McLean, who this weekend placed first in the Monarch Invitational Tourney wrestling at 126lbs. McLean won by pinning his first opponent in the prelims, then taking three close decisions too win the first place crown.

Brian Goldmacher, a junior from Marlboro, New Jersey, finished fourth in last years Centennial Conference Tournament.

This year's captain, and the Mule's best chance for sending a wrestler to the NCAA Division III Tournament, is Craig A. Farris, of McMinnville, Oregon. Farris last year placed first in the Centennial Conference Championships and also won the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the tournament. Farris also had the most takedowns on the team last year.

# Profile of a Mule: Matt Skilton

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent figures in Muhlenberg athletics*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

Young golfers, such as Tiger Woods and Justin Leonard are revolutionizing the game of golf today. The sport itself has received more attention than it has in the past because of these young renegades.

At Muhlenberg golf remains an unknown sport. It is one of the only sports on this campus that has both a fall and spring season.

Most of Muhlenberg did not know this, or that a golf team even existed here. Last spring the golf team was the only sport with a winning record in their miraculous Centennial Conference championship season. One young member who has helped to better the team is Matt Skilton. A sophomore, he was more than impressive in his injury-shortened freshman season.

Skilton hails from Churchville, Pennsylvania, where he picked up the game at age ten.

"I started playing at age ten, but did not really compete seriously until age fourteen," Skilton said.

He attended George School in Churchville, graduating as a three sport letter-winner in soccer, basketball, and baseball. Not in golf though.

"In high school I played baseball and played golf on my own. I figured that I could play golf the rest of my life, but that I could only play baseball for a few years," Skilton said. He played in many golf tournaments his senior year, even winning several. However, he still did not know what he wanted to play in college.

Skilton decided to come to Muhlenberg because of the size as well the proximity to his home. "I liked the atmosphere at the campus. It was perfect since I came from a small high school. Also, how could you turn down the academics?"

Once here, Skilton decided to play golf, and enjoyed a memorable first season. He played in five tournaments in the spring, finishing third in two of them.

In all five tournaments, he broke the 80 stroke barrier, including a 72 which set the Muhlenberg record for low score in a tournament. The previous record of 73 was held by senior Rob Lobel.

Unfortunately for Skilton, he broke his leg playing Intramural Basketball and was lost for the season.

Surprisingly, the Mules still went on to win the Centennial Conference Championship with Ursinus, despite entering without Matt, their number one golfer.

"We received some big contributions from players who were not looked upon during the year. It was a total team effort," Skilton said.

This fall Skilton returned confident as ever. He declared to the rest of the team, "Even though I am the twelfth player because of my injury, I will be number one in one week." Skilton came through on his promise.

It is this confidence that helped Skilton succeed in three tournaments. He tied for second at Gettysburg by shooting a 75, as well as placing in the top 20 at Binghamton against Division IA programs. He also contributed with a 78 in the Moravian Invitational, which the Mules won.

This spring Skilton looks for the Mules to repeat as Conference Champs and hopes to make the NCAA's, either as a team or individually.

With the deep, well-balanced team that they have, this could happen. It's time that this team receives the recognition they deserve. After all, they win.

# Cross country teams end season strong

## *Men finish 23, women 12 in strong field at NCAA Regional Championships*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Success again came to the Cardinal and Grey, as both the men's and women's varsity Cross Country teams came to the end of the long road that is the cross-country season.

Running in the NCAA Mid-Eastern Regional Championships, Muhlenberg made outstanding gains, obliterating key competition such as conference rivals Johns Hopkins University and Gettysburg College.

The men, finishing 23 of 42 teams, put forth a strong effort over the rolling hills of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The women's varsity team demonstrated the excellence and determination of the Mule Cross-Country program by finishing 12 in a field of 45, crowded with some of the best runners in the nation.

"Once again they were brilliant," said Head Coach Linda Andrews of her team. "After we finished so well at the Centennial Conference championships, I raised the bar for the Regionals. Not only did they meet every goal I set, they exceeded them."

The Mules were not to be denied. Showing fire in their eyes and a laser-like focus, Muhlenberg once again trounced Franklin and Marshall, vanquished Albright, topped Gettsyburg, and despite finishing 5 points behind JHU two weeks ago at the Centennial Conference championship, in the NCAA Regional championship the Mules crushed the Johns Hopkins squad by dozens of points.

This outstanding finish, the best since 1991, was lead by freshman Laura Roth.

Roth finished 42nd overall (20:29), and was named to the NCAA Mid-East Region All-freshman Second Team.

Sophomore Elissa Murphy finished second for the Mules, 52nd overall (20:44). Next was sophomore Cindy Bredefeld (78th, 21:17), junior Katy duFosse (98th, 21:42), freshman Lynn Garzella (120th, 21:59), sophomore Lauren Weisenberger (136th, 22:18), and junior Jackie Miners (196th, 23:40).

For the second meet in a row, the powerful joint effort won the entire women's team Runner of the Week honors.

The forty-five schools and 604 total runners provided for a busy championship meet. A variety of schools, from small colleges to large universities were represented.

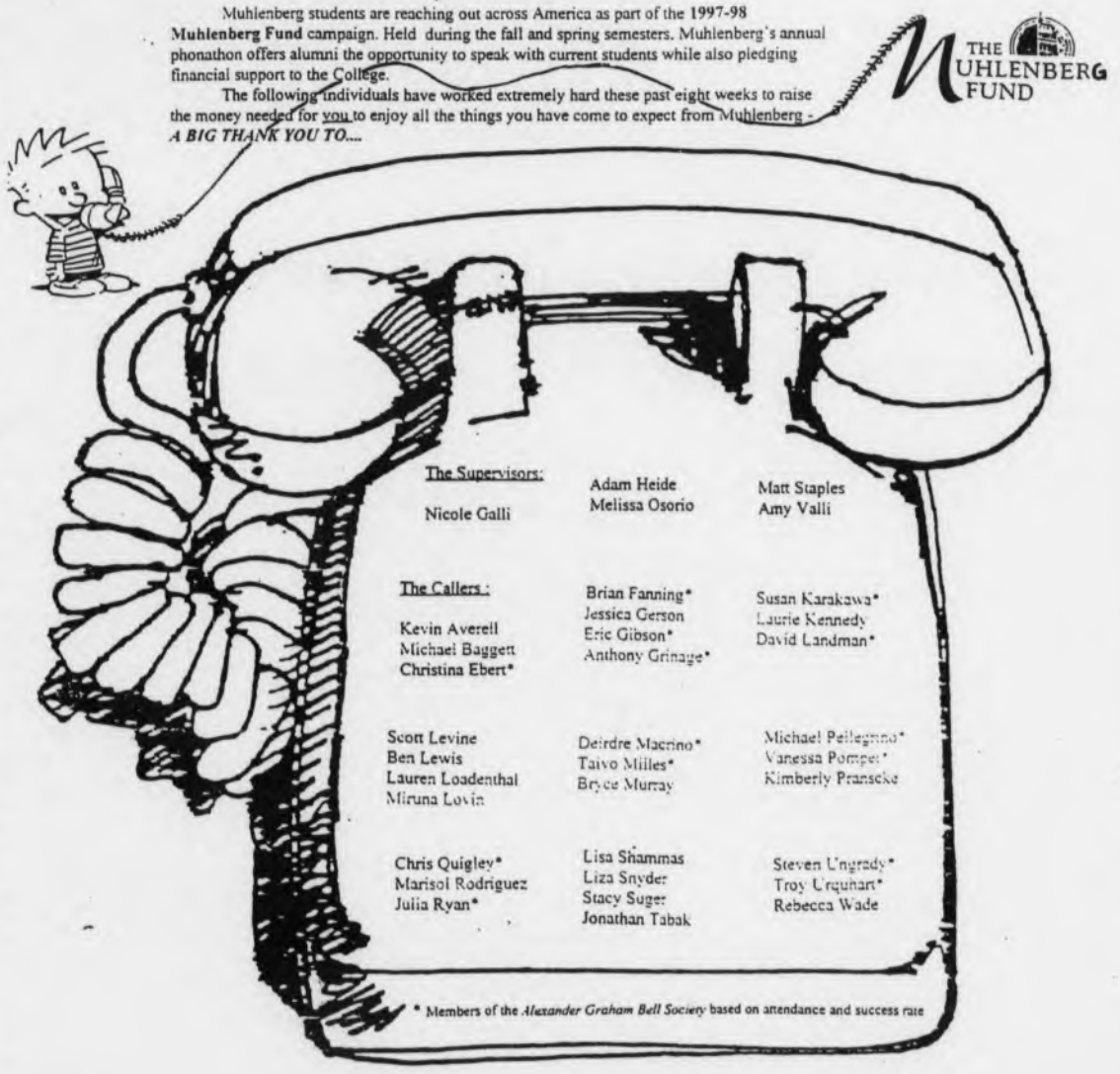
The men were lead by sophomore Bill McElroy. McElroy finished 64th in 28:08. Next for the men was senior James Batzell (117th, 28:59), followed by sophomore Sean Daubert (135th, 29:22), senior Neal Sheridan (161st, 29:53), senior and Co-Captain Josh McHale (166th, 30:09) and freshman Chris Catalano (176th, 30:35).

Sheridan, who showed the best effort of his career and ran a career best time on the Dickinson course, was named Runner of the Week.

Thus a fantastic season came to a close for Muhlenberg's Cross-Country teams.

It was a season of glorious victory, at the Garret Mountain Invitational, at meets at Delaware Valley, and at home in the annual Mule Invitational. In the meets the Mules did not win outright, the Cardinal and Grey were sure to beat the majority of their rivals in the field.

"I wish the season weren't over," says Coach Andrews, and her runners feel the same.


Muhlenberg students are reaching out across America as part of the 1997-98 Muhlenberg Fund campaign. Held during the fall and spring semesters. Muhlenberg's annual phonathon offers alumni the opportunity to speak with current students while also pledging financial support to the College.
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# Mules impressive in NCAA Tournament

## *Senior Todd Ervin scores three goals in leading Muhlenberg to regional finals*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**and Tracey M. McGee**
***Weekly* Editors**

The Muhlenberg College men's soccer team won its first two games of the NCAA Regional Tournament, earning them a place in the regional championship game against Gettysburg. Unfortunately, the Mules lost to the Bullets, ending their solid season.

The first game of the tournament pitted the Mules against the Eastern College Eagles on Wednesday November 12. Under the lights of Varsity Field, the Mules used their superior size and stamina to beat Eastern 1-0.

The lone goal of the game was scored by senior Todd Ervin six minutes into the second half. Overpowering the shorter Eagle defender, Ervin headed the ball into the goal off of a cross from senior co-captain Sean Topping. This was Ervin's twelfth goal of the season.

Overall, the Mules dominated the Eagles, who were making their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The shots on goal were 18-11 in favor of Muhlenberg. Senior goalkeeper Dan Wilkin made five saves in recording the shutout.

The win meant that the Mules continued on to the second round of the tournament. Their next game was on Friday against the top-ranked Messiah College Falcons.

Once again Todd Ervin came through for the Mules, scoring the only goal of the contest in the 1-0 win. With four minutes left in the first half Ervin knocked the ball into the Messiah net on a breakaway. The goal was set up by Ron Russo, who passed to the streaking Ervin from the left side of the field. The goal was the thirtieth of Ervin's career and thirteenth on the season.

*Freshman Brad Kocher played strong defense in the Eastern win*

The game was the first time the Falcons had been shut out all season, and was only the second loss Messiah suffered all season.

The Falcons dominated the Mules offensively, outshooting Muhlenberg 9-4 and having a decided 13-1 advantage in corner kicks. But the Messiah offensive onslaught was to no avail, as the Muhlenberg defense, led by Brad Kocher, Mike Finn, Dave Ervin, Mike Hamelton, and Shane Topping, and strong play of goalkeeper Dan Wilkin refused to let the ball cross the goal line.

The win over Messiah earned the Mules a spot in the regional championship game against the Gettysburg Bullets.

Despite the third goal of the playoffs by Todd Ervin, the Mules lost 2-1 in overtime.

Repeating his breakaway performance of the Messiah game, Ervin took a pass from Eric Hohman and put it past the Gettysburg goalie for the lone 'Berg goal and his fourteenth of the season. The Mule defense could not repeat a shutout, as the Bullets scored only 23 seconds later. That goal was the first one allowed by the Mules in its three NCAA matches, and only the second goal permitted in the team's last six matches.

The goal propelled the game into

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# Football team loses season finale to Moravian

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The game began with a break in the clouds opening directly above Muhlenberg field. While the first quarter enjoyed this heavenly sunlight, to the west loomed the unavoidable grey sky that would soon settle over the large end-of-season crowd watching the Muhlenberg Mules make their last stand against crosstown rival Moravian College.

Muhlenberg went through so much this season, fighting week after week under Head Coach Mike Donnelly, striving to return the glory to the Cardinal and Grey. Saturday, the Mules were again without key offensive lineman and Captain Dave Johnson, who tore a cruciate ligament two weeks ago against Ursinus.

Nevertheless, the Mules came out strong, as they usually do at home, scoring on their first possession. QB and Captain George Fosdick's passes to Chuck Draper and Kevin Cannon, combined with the rushing of Jason Brader, advanced the Mules 60 yards in 10 plays (one of which was another gutsy "going for it" on fourth down), and into the endzone with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Matt Lunn. Lunn's reception made him the first Mule back since 1965 to catch 5 TD passes in a season.

The Mule defense forced Moravian into a "3 and out" on their next possession, and after a Mule fumble, Mule DE Billy Howlett got the ball back a few plays later, recovering a fumble by the Moravian QB. Moravian struggled against the Mule defense all

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# Basketball season set to tip off with annual Scotty Wood Tournament

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg Men's and Women's basketball teams will tip off the '97-'98 season this weekend in the fourteenth annual Scotty Wood Tournament.

The games begin on Friday, with the women's squads of Cabrini College and Union squaring off at 1:00, then the Lady Mules take the court against Wesleyan at 3:00. The men's action begins with Moravian vs. Union at 6:00, and the Muhleberg men make their season debut at 8:00 against Wesleyan.

The action concludes on Saturday with the women's consolation game at 1:00, the men's consolation game at 3:00, and the women's and men's championship games at 6:00 and 8:00 respectively.

Other exciting events occurring in conjunction with the tournament include the chance to win a 1997 Ford Mustang, and a banner contest in which students can win up to $200.

Both Mule teams are looking strong for the upcoming season. The women's squad is looking to repeat the Centennial Conference-winning performance of last season. The key to the Lady Mules' success is based around their strong defensive play. Last season they held opponents to an average of 51 points per game, a conference-record.

The Lady Mules are returning many of their starters from last season, including the strong back court of junior Sarah Clarke and sophomore Amy Sandt. Clarke and Sandt are the

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# Physical education requirement under question

## *Faculty considering changes by the end of the semester*

**by Tony Powell**
***Weekly* news writer**

If you've ever had to drag yourself out of bed at nine for your morning session of Yoga, then you're probably very familiar with Muhlenberg's Physical Education requirements.

You're also probably well aware of the fact that you're attending a liberal arts college. The concept of a liberal arts education is to educate the individual in all facets of life including mental, intellectual and physical well-being.

The process in which the physical education occurs here at the 'Berg, however, may be soon to change.

According to Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty, talk has begun among faculty and students alike about overhauling the physical education program and requirements.

"There has been some talk on the subject," stated Dean Dretsch. The idea to change originally resulted from a suggestion to expand the intramural sports program.

If this program were expanded, then perhaps this would be a more effective alternative in the physical education of Muhlenberg Students. However, the effects of the change on the Physical Education Department need also to be taken into consideration.

Dean Dretsch also stated "Our purpose here is to educate the whole being, including physical as well as mental. The question is how best to do that."

*Classes such as fitness walking may not be required next year.*

At present, there have been no formal proposals for change made. A solid idea must be carefully developed, explained, discussed, written up and officially proposed.

For a Muhlenberg academic policy to be changed, it must first go before the Academic Policy Committee.

This board consists of seven faculty members, two students, two deans and the president of the college.

Dean Dretsch stressed repeatedly that at present, any ideas were very explorative. He also implied that ideas were presently being bounced around, however, and encouraged the college community to discuss and consider the issue.

But, changes may not be too far in the future. "No one faction has picked up the ball and run with it," stated Dretsch, "but there is an ongoing conversation in the [Muhlenberg] community."

Once a solid response to this issue is developed and a formal proposal is made, things may change quickly.

According to Dean Curtis Dretsch, the faculty hopes to see some answers being developed by the end of the semester.

And what does this mean all for students? Maybe nothing, but hopefully no more nine o'clock Yoga.

# Food scare proves false

## *Correlation does not imply causality*

**by Larry Carney and Brian Teta**
***Weekly* Editors**

Three Muhlenberg students were admitted to the hospital late Monday night amid speculation of food poisoning from The Red Door Cafe. The speculation, however, was proved unfounded.

All three students ate in The Red Door Cafe Monday evening and experienced a combination of fever, diarrhea, stomach pains and vomiting.

However, Sam Miranda, Director of Health Services, was quick to point out that food poisoning is unlikely.

Miranda said, "Before you can start talking about the possibility of food poisoning as a suspect, you first must look at things like the student's food patterns, residence halls and other such commonalities shared between the patients. You then must look at the community at-large and you see that these flu-type symptoms are not unusual."

Other students have shared this problem without even eating in The Red Door Cafe. These students were treated by the Health Center.

"The three students were treated at the hospital [Monday] night only because the Health Center was closed. Given the symptoms, Miranda felt it was necessary for the patients to be checked out thoroughly," says Miranda.

Miranda argues that the evidence does not lead toward food poisoning, but food poisoning could not be ruled out.

Miranda said, "If I suspected food poisoning, I would have the Board of Health down here in two seconds."

# Ordinance appeal underway

**by Larry Carney**
***Weekly* Editor-in-Chief**

Muhlenberg College has appealed the Student Residence Overlay District Ordinance to the Allentown Zoning Board of Appeals. Housing already occupied by more than two students is an exception to the ordinance provided the landlord register the dwelling as exempt.

The college's case was heard on January 12. The college called four witnesses to the stand. The first was real estate analyst Deborah S. Skeans. Skeans told the zoning board that while the resale of homes has declined throughout Allentown, the decline has not been as sharp in the communities surrounding the college.

Muhlenberg vice-president for planning and administration testified that 'Berg can't build another residence hall until the college knows that future enrollment growth by about 25 students can be solidified.

City Council members Frank Concannon and Emma Tropiano also testified on the college's behalf. They argue that they were under pressure from the mayor's office to support the ordinance.

This appeal to the Allentown Zoning Board may not be the end of this legal battle. If the college wins, the ordinance does not take effect and the city must go back to the drawing board. If the city wins, the college has the opportunity to enter the court system.

The college's case might be falling on deaf ears. The three-member zoning board consists of people appointed by the mayor, who supported the ordinance.

Muhlenberg vice-president of public relations, Michael Bruckner said, "They seem to be pretty independent, but they were appointed by the mayor."

According to an article that appeared in last week's *The Morning Call*, "College counsel Maxwell E. Davison has promised to fight the ordinance all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The zoning board must rule on zoning issues before either side may appeal to the courts."

The city will have an opportunity to have its side of the case heard on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. After that, there will be an open forum in front of the three-member appeal board.

# Nationline

Things happening around the world.
Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Sacramento, California**—Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski is competent to stand trial, lawyers for both sides say. Both the government prosecutors and Kaczynski's current defense lawyers agreed Tuesday that the defendant meets the standards for trial—that he understands what is happening and is capable of assisting his lawyers in his defense. But the question of who would represent Kaczynski—his current defense team, a new set of attorneys or the defendant himself—has not been resolved.

**Amarillo, Texas**—A herd of animal rights advocates in cow suits, reporters, and spectators are milling around outside a federal courthouse during the start of a beef industry lawsuit against talk show host Oprah Winfrey. Potential jurors gathered at the courthouse for the start of jury selection, but media access inside the courtroom is limited and the judge has imposed a gag order on attorneys in the case. Ms. Winfrey is accused of falsely spreading a report that American meat could cause mad cow disease in the United States.

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**—A college student suspected of opening fire on marchers at a Martin Luther King event Monday has been arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder. The shooting left one person dead and three children wounded. Tuesday, Police said the dead man was the intended victim. "There was no racial, political, or hate crime motive," police said. Instead, officials say the shooting was the result of a dispute among four or five people. Brandon Johnson, 19, was taken into custody early Tuesday.

**Sayville, New York**—A mother and her daughter are to be arraigned Tuesday on murder charges following the death of the woman's teenage daughter, who she believed was possessed by demons. The body of Charity Miranda, 17, was found Sunday with her head covered by a plastic bag. Vivian Miranda, 39, and Chastity's older sister, 20-year-old Serena Martin, "were chanting and saying prayers" when officers arrived. Police say the family had recently begun studying the Afro-Caribbean religion of Santeria, but it's not known if Santeria had a direct bearing on her death.

**Mukilteo, Washington**—Daniel Coe tried to kill himself in 1996 by setting fire to his house, but he survived and his wife died trying to save him. For setting the fire, Coe received a 10-year prison term. On Sunday, the day before he was to begin serving his sentence, Coe had dinner with his children, then drove his truck off a dock and drowned. The 50 year-old drove up to a barrier at a ferry dock in Mukilteo, located 25 miles north of Seattle. He lifted the barrier, then got back in his truck and hit the gas. Witnesses said that Coe did not appear to struggle as the truck sank.

**Baltimore, Maryland**—A mysterious stranger walked alone before dawn Monday to the grave of Edgar Allan Poe and placed three roses and a half-empty bottle of cognac. For reasons known only to themselves, anonymous men have carried out the ritual at the Westminster Hall sepulcher on Poe's birthday each year since 1949, said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe house and Museum. Poe was born 189 years ago Monday. The visitor was not the same as last year's.

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# *Campus Safety Notes*

## Panty-Raid taken too far in Prosser basement

### *Second report of underwear theft this academic year*

compiled by
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**Jan 1.**
1. Unregistered guest - Benfer Hall

**Jan 4.**
1. Trespassing - Front Drive - 2 non-students at 4:03 a.m., given letters of trespass

**Jan 6.**
1. Theft - Prosser Hall - theft reported of underwear from Prosser laundry room on 12/18/97
2. Theft - On-campus - college credit card

**Jan 9.**
1. Information - 2251 Liberty St. - unsecure area (garage)
2. Information - 2411 Liberty St. - unsecure area (garage)

**Jan 10.**
1. Solicitor - Hillside House

**Jan 11.**
1. Theft - Walz Hall - books and photography paper

**Jan 13.**
1. Fire Alarm - ML Hall basement
2. Criminal Mischief - Prosser Hall - broken bulletin board - referred to Dean's Office
3. Alcohol Violation - Walz Hall - referred to Dean's Office
4. Sick student - New West

**Jan 15.**
1. Harassment by Communication - Seeger's Union mailboxes - student-on-student
2. Fire Alarm/Safety Violation - Walz Hall - propped door - student referred to Dean's Office

**Jan 16.**
1. Injured student - Walz Hall
2. Alcohol Violation - rear drive of Walz Hall - referred to Dean's Office
3. Injured student - Life Sports Center

**Jan 18.**
1. Noise - 2305 Liberty St. - referred to Dean's Office

**Jan 19.**
1. Vandalism - Brown/Walz Halls fire lane - driving on grassy area

**Helpful Hints:**
1. Do not leave laundry unattended in the residence hall laundry rooms.
2. Promptly report any and all thefts to Campus Safety.
3. Be sure to register all guests.


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# Connie Kunda victorious in 1978 discrimination lawsuit against college

## *Sesquicentennial Feature: A monthly look at 150 years of Muhlenberg's history*

**by Larry Carney**
***Weekly* Editor-in-Chief**

While Muhlenberg College is celebrating its 150th year of the college and 40th year of coeducation, the college has become nationally reknowned for many things during these years.

However, one of the things the college may not be as proud of, is a tenure-based sexual discrimination lawsuit.

Connie Kunda, a female physical education instructor, claimed she was discriminated against by the college, President John H. Morey, Dean Philip B. Secor and Dean Harold L. Stenger. She alleged that all were in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

During the 1972-73 academic year, the Faculty Personnel and Policies Committee (FPPC) recommended Kunda for promotion.

Despite this recommendation, Dean Secor did not recommend Kunda because she did not hold the terminal degree in her field. While a doctorate is the terminal degree in physical education, a master's degree is accepted as the minimal qualification for tenure at Muhlenberg. Kunda only possessed a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University.

The decision by Secor to not recommend a promotion was appealed and the FPPC held two meetings to consider the appeal.

The Faculty Board of Appeals unanimously recommended Kunda to receive tenure. Morey still would not give his approval for tenure. Kunda then appeared personally before the Board of Trustees' committee on Educational Policies and Faculty Affairs on March 13, 1975.

While the college claimed that Kunda was not granted tenure because of a decreasing department, several other male physical education instructors were granted tenure.

Ronald Lauchnor, Sam Beidleman, and Frank Marino were granted tenure during 1972-1974, when Secor said the future of the Physical Education Department was in question.

The college's reason for not giving a promotion was that she did not possess a terminal degree. There were two physical education tenured faculty who did not have a Master's degree and received promotions during Kunda's employment at Muhlenberg.

Kunda was considered by Muhlenberg students and faculty to be at the top of her field.

The College admitted it received compliments on Kunda, but not to the degree she claimed.

The United States District Court concluded that "[Kunda] did not prove that the application of the terminal degree requirement has a disparate impact among women, and that the requirement serves a legitimate purpose in the educational institution."

However, the College did sexually discriminate on promoting her to the position of associate professor.

The court also found Kunda, compared to male professors, received different information concerning the requirements for promotion.

Kunda was not advised on the importance of possessing a Master's degree for tenure. Kunda said, "I was told by one male colleague that getting the terminal degree was my union card, but the importance was never stressed to me by the administration."

The court ordered Kunda back pay and the repossession of her position. Because she received different information on the importance of gaining a Master's degree, the court allowed Kunda the opportunity to get her Master's degree.

When she completed her degree, she would again be up for tenure, but not allowed to be denied for any reason not present at the trial.

Unhappy with the decision, the college appealed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, even though Kunda returned to work.

Kunda also appealed the decision, but because she wanted Morey and Secor personally charged as defendants. Both appeals failed, but not before attracting national attention.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief on behalf of Kunda.

"The judicial award of tenure is an appropriate remedy under Title VII if a court finds a faculty member would have received tenure 'but for' illegal discrimination."

The United States Employment Opportunity Commission concurred with the opinion as well.

National support was also given in form of an amicus curiae in support of the college's case.

The National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities, the American Council of Education and the Association Boards of University and Colleges argued that the court should not interfere with the offering of tenure to college professors. According to their brief, "Traditionally courts have been reluctant to intervene in the academic employment decisions of institutes of higher education."

Eventually, the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals maintained the decision of federal court and Kunda continued as associate professor of physical education at Muhlenberg. However this trial was known nationally for more.

According to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision, "The majority also recites, without dispute, the appellants' argument dealing with tenure is unique and that this is the first case in which judicial award of tenure is sustained."

In addition, the decision suggests that this case will end further disputes between colleges and their faculty. "Academic institutions and decisions are not ipso facto entitled to special treatment under federal laws prohibiting discrimination," according to the appeal decision.

The Board of Trustees decided to not further challenge the case. Morey was later dismissed as president of the college.

When Kunda was asked whether her case may have been an influence in his dismissal, she said, "To be honest, I don't think it was directly related to my case. There was a general feeling among campus that the college was not happy with his administration in those years. That feeling eventually led to a vote of no confidence [in the president] by the faculty."

In discussing her working relationship with Morey after the decision was made, Kunda commented, "We established a good relationship again. There came to be a point in time that he moved me into the Wellness Director position."

Today, Kunda is the Head of the Physical Education Department and Wellness Director. She served as Interim Athletic Director for more than a year until the current Athletic Director, Steve Erber, was hired.

Kunda said, "I'm probably very lucky that the profession I've chosen is something I enjoy." Muhlenberg, too, is lucky Kunda continues to work here.

# Trumbower 130 gets a facelift during winter break

## *New seats, multimedia capabilities and a two-way mirror get mixed reviews from students*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

Since returning from winter break, a number of Muhlenberg students may have noticed the remodeling of Trumbower 130.

The lecture hall has been entirely refurbished and updated with the intentions of better suiting the students and faculty. Many students have an opinion about the renovations.

Sophomore Stewart Solomon noted the addition of the multimedia system, which is in the process of completion, as being a major change.

"Being multimedia-equipped is a great advantage for us," said Solomon, "because it can further enhance learning in the classroom."

The multimedia system includes a main computer hookup at the front desk connected to projection screens, which enables the class to view material more efficiently.

Another noticeable change to the lecture hall are the seats, which have received mixed reviews from students. "All the seats are completely new," said sophomore Marc Douek, "and although very nice, lack the comfort of the old seats. Many of us find the desks to be rather small, and the cushions unsatisfactory compared to the old seats. Also, about 15-20 seats have been removed, making the room much smaller than before."

Sophomore Jeffrey Langsam furthered Douek's comment, adding that many students find there to be a lack of leg room with the new setup.

A third change is the addition of a one-way mirror to the classroom. The purpose of the mirror is to allow tour groups to enter and observe the lecture hall without disturbing the class.

"The mirror is great, in the fact that there are fewer disruptions from tours than in the past," said sophomore Rich Walters, "however, we never know when we are being watched. If we are daydreaming or even napping during class," added Walters amusingly, "the tours can see that because of the mirror."

Other visible improvements to the room include new carpeting, doors, wallpaper, blackboards, and lighting.

All in all, the remodeling has generally received favorable reviews from students in preferring the new remodeled version to the old one.

Many agree that it contributes to a better setting for teaching and learning.

# Students and alumni experience "ecotourism" in Peru

## *The New Year is celebrated observing wildlife and learning about rainforest ecology and conservation*

**by Beth Koniers**
***Weekly* news writer**

On January 3, thirteen current students joined Muhlenberg graduates and other travelers for a boat trip along the Peruvian Amazon and two of its tributaries.

This week-long trip on La Turmalina, led by Muhlenberg's own Dr. Niesenbaum, was replete with natural and cultural excitement.

Although the city of Inquitos provided hours of fun at the end of the trip, most of the week was spent far from any city, in the tropical rainforest so often discussed by scientists and depicted in movies such as *Anaconda* .

By far, the rainforest holds more diversity of plants and animals in several hectares than does all of Pennsylvania.

This amazing biodiversity was overwhelming to most of the students, for whom adventure travel was a new experience. In addition to learning the names of birds like the Screaming Piha and seeing the world's largest rodents, the trip served as an introduction to the lifestyle of villages along the river.

***Typical scene of a moderately developed village along the river.***

The villages and markets consistently offered the visitor new sights, customs and experiences, just as the plant vegetation varied from mile to mile. In one village, an ambitious politician had donated a satellite dish, which stood, lacking all hookup, next to the thatched huts of the villagers.

In another village, the soccer team was bursting with pride as they suited up in the uniforms Muhlenberg had donated. Unfortunately, they were defeated after a close game, thanks to football-turned-soccer legend Cory Wohlbach ('98).

The villages provided the opportunity for the group to ask questions about life along the Amazon: What were the marriage customs? What role do shamans play in the health of the inhabitants? In the market, gastronomic questions were raised, as well as questions about hunting and shopping.

In the same way that the tourists gained wisdom of the forest and the people in another part of the world, the presence of visitors in the forest was a learning experience for its inhabitants.

Through the presence of boats like La Turmalina, which specializes in this travel known as "ecotourism", the local people become aware of the value of a healthy, undisturbed forest.

They connect a lush forest full of wildlife with the flow of tourists, and soon they realize – and feel economically – the importance of conservation. In turn, this realization becomes a willingness to protect and even a pride in preserving the rain forest.

By simply going to see the monkeys and the birds, tourists have helped ensure it's survival.

# Asian Student Association

## *Highlight on a student organization*

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
***Weekly* news writer**

The Asian Student Association is a club on campus dedicated to improving awareness of Asian, especially Southern Asian and Indian, cultures. Formerly known as the Indian Club, the Asian Student Association changed its name to include other cultures of Southern Asia, such as that of China, Sri Lanka, Japan, and Pakistan.

The Association is led by president Suchi Pandey '99, vice-president Sumana Kesh '99, secretary Amy Vyas '99, and treasurer Madhavi Sabnis '00.

Dr. Vimla Sinha is faculty advisor of the group.

Last semester, the ASA held their annual dinner at the Palace of Asia restaurant in Fort Washington. But the highlight for them was the Diwali Festival of lights, the third annual at Muhlenberg.

Because of regrouping after returning from studying in London, Pandey says that there are not too many plans for this semester. The Association would like to take a trip to Philadelphia for the Chinese New Year to see the parade and maybe have dinner.

Another large project they will be undertaking is Lehigh University's Holi festival of colors.

The ASA currently has about twenty-five members and is open to all students; the misbelief is you need to be Indian to join.

If you have questions about upcoming events or would like to join, call Pandey (x4294) or any of the other officers. The officer's encourage campus-wide participation.

# Commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.

## *Celebration in chapel continues his great legacy*

**by Bernadette Snead**
***Weekly* news writer**

Martin Luther King, Jr. is a person whom many of us remember as a courageous, religious, and knowledgeable human being.

The celebration held, with Dr. Elgin Watkins in Muhlenberg's Egner Chapel on January 15 was reminiscent of Dr. King's apparitions of his people in unity.

Dr. King's people included many races, creeds, males, and females. He believed that everyone is created equal and somehow, someday, all should be treated equally.

Dr. Watkins reassured all in attendance that Dr. King's dreams still live on in today's society. He related Dr. King's dreams to situations, such as social and political dilemmas of today's society.

Dr. Watkins' remarks were not limited to Dr. King's words, solely. The congregation gained additional food for thought from what he said.

Dr. Watkins was an invigorating speaker for two reasons: The lecture was terse and filled with substance that lead people to walk away and think about what was said.

It has been over twenty years and Dr. King's legacy continues to have a place in the hearts of millions. Many 'Berg students are among those.

# Around Campus

## A new feature for clubs and organizations

**Get It Over With Week** sponsored by the Office of Career Development & Placement (OCDP) – Monday, January 26-Friday, January 30. These workshops, including Choosing a Major/Career, Networking, Resume Writing, Interview, and Researching Jobs/Organizations on WWW, are designed to meet the needs of students and to help them as they start their career paths. This is the only time these programs are offered this semester—don't miss out! Sign up in OCDP.

**Wildlife Film Producer Jeffrey Boswall** will share his experiences in creating those beautiful, exciting, often graphic, wildlife films in a public lecture titled "Wildlife Films for TV: An Inside Story," Thursday, February 19, at 7:30 pm in the Trumbower Lecture Hall.

**Rainbow Space** is in the process of finalizing plans for its annual BGLAD! (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days) Celebration—February 2-6. Events will include a film festival, coffeehouse, jeans day and a rousing keynote address on Thursday the 5th from Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) on *The American Dream.* For more information, email rainbow@hal.

***Muses*** will participate in the Academy of American Poets' Annual University and College Poetry Prize contest. A $100 prize is offered for the best poem or group of poems submitted to the English or Creative Writing department at each participating school. For more information on the contest or *Muses* contact Matthew Hittinger at x4212.

**The Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding is sponsoring a Pre-Lenten Workshop** on *The Quest for the Historical Jesus: Aspects for Jewish-Christian Relations,* sponsored in part by a grant from the US Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C. The workshop will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Pottstown on Wednesday February 4 and again at Congregation Keneseth Israel on Tuesday, February 10. The workshop is intended for clergy and interested laity.

**The Office of Career Development and Placement** is planning *Super Career Campaign '98* for Sunday, February 15 from 12:45 pm -5 pm in the Center for the Arts. This year's theme is *Show Me The Money.* This year, there will be a series of workshops designed to help you improve specific skills which will ultimately increase marketability. The workshops will be presented by distinguished alumni, administrators, and friends of the college.

**RIBBON Project** will hold its first general meeting of the new semester on Thursday, January 22 in Room 108 of Seegers Union at 7 pm.

***Submissions must be sent to Amy Kern box 1739 by Sunday of the week of publication Questions? Please call Amy at x 4894***

# "Abnormalities" on Saturday Night Live: *MacDonald's stint on* Weekend Update *has run its course*

**by Brian Teta**
**Associate Editor**

You have probably seen the signs and banners all around campus proclaiming that "Norm MacDonald, the news guy from Saturday Night Live is coming to Muhlenberg!" Well that's not exactly true anymore. Don't worry, Norm will still be here Monday night. It's just his job description that has changed.

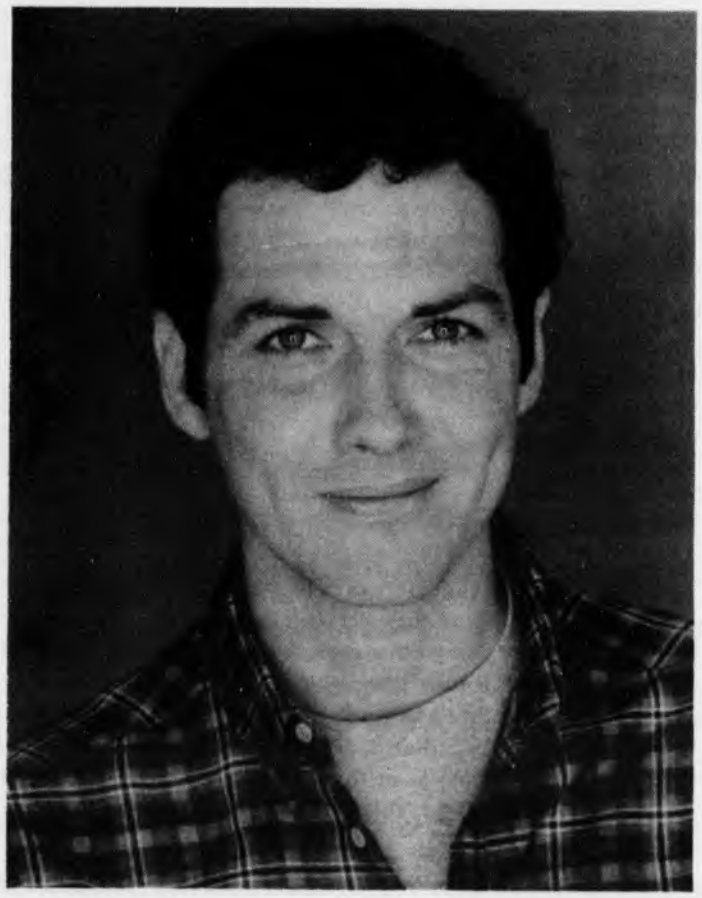
The deadpan SNL cast member's extremely dry comedic style has been credited by many as one of the premiere forces behind the program's recent resurgence.

While he is well known for his dead-on and wickedly funny impersonations of such stars as David Letterman, Bob Dole, Burt Reynolds, Larry King, and Quentin Tarantino, it is his stint as the anchor of SNL's extremely popular Weekend Update segment that is his true claim to fame.

One very important viewer however apparently didn't quite get the jokes. Don Ohlmeyer, the president of NBC, personally fired MacDonald from the Weekend Update anchor chair. MacDonald subsequently went on the "Late Show with David Letterman" to tell his side of the story.

According to MacDonald, Ohlmeyer fired him for "not being funny." He then went on to say that Ohlmeyer wanted him to stay on and continue working in other sketches to which he replied, "But, I stink in those."

Egged on by former disgruntled NBC employee Letterman, MacDonald went on to attack Ohlmeyer personally calling him both "fat" and a "drunk." MacDonald claimed to Letterman that the firing came against the wishes of SNL executive producer and creator Lorne Michaels, a fact that has been substantiated through the reports of insiders at NBC.



***Ex-Weekend Update news anchor Norm MacDonald scheduled to appear in Memorial Hall next Monday***

Ohlmeyer has also reportedly had a long standing dislike for MacDonald due to his off-stage behavior and for on-air mishaps like his use of the f-word in an Update segment last season. MacDonald constantly jokes about O.J. Simpson, a close friend of Ohlmeyer's. Reportedly, the last straw came when MacDonald agreed to host the Michaels produced ESPY Awards on rival network ABC.

The firing came as a shock to MacDonald's legions of fans and last week's SNL featured former Remote Control star Collin Quinn in the anchorman's chair. While a funny and engaging performer in his own right, Quinn's personal comedic style seems to clash with those of his snide and smart-alecky predecessors like Chevy Chase and Dennis Miller, a mold that MacDonald fit quite well. While MacDonald remains contractually bound to NBC for some time, his future with Saturday Night Live and the network seems in doubt.

MacDonald will be appearing here this Monday night at 9:00 in Memorial Hall courtesy of MAC and Student Council. Tickets are free but a $1.00 donation will be requested at the door. Recent events promise that this will be a memorable performance that no one will want to miss. See you there!

# Muhlenberg actors take their show on the road

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Most actors wait their whole lives to make it to New York City; that is if they ever make it at all. Not Muhlenberg students, though. Students who were involved in *The Kafka Project*, which debuted last April in The Baker Center for the Arts, premiered in "The Big Apple" at the Ohio Theater from January seventh to tenth. All involved were excited about the chance to perform in New York, the home of Broadway and Broadway stars.

Sophomore Ruben Ortiz whose primary role in the play was "the country doctor" commented that acting in New York felt "almost surreal."

Sophomore Ryan Gardner another actor in the show added, "It was a good experience. It was a lot different from acting anywhere else."

He continued, "It gives you a taste of what life is like as a professional actor. [New York] is the mecca of actors. . . The place to go."

The enthusiasm of the entire ensemble must have been evident, as all of the New York performances were sold out. Ortiz explained that this enthusiasm was important, for "first and foremost it was an ensemble cast." He continued, "We all worked together to bring [Kafka's]stories to life."

When Ortiz says that the cast all worked together, that is exactly what he means. All members of the ensemble, including stage managers, production assistants, and actors had the chance to contribute to the creative process.

Gardner explained, "Everyone involved in the show had input. Ideas from every area were used."

Those involved created a "theatrical collage" by drawing on elements from Franz Kafka's stories, including *The Metamorphosis, Report to An Academy, Josephine, the Mouse-Singer, The Country Doctor, In the Penal Colony, A Hunger Artist* and from his diaries.

Those acting in the show were Amy Armstrong, Pete Barry, Ryan Gardner, John Moletress, Ruben Ortiz, Alicia Pax Guevara, Demos Tsilikoudis and Nora Whitaker.

Performing with these students was Equity artist James Crawford of New York who was happy to work with the students for according to him, "the opportunity to do developmental work is very difficult to find in the professional world."

All were under the direction of Devon Allen, head of the acting program and founder of OUR SHOES ARE RED, a theater laboratory that "brings artists together from many disciplines with a vision to create new works while exploring unique working environments and structures."

*The Kafka Project* was created in collaboration with the theater laboratory, that stresses the importance of and teaches the actors about rehearsing.

Gardner explained, "[The actors] learned about the rehearsal process. This type of show is not commerce driven. It's not about making money. The whole *Kafka Project* is about rehearsing something as much as it is needed to be rehearsed. It's about eating and sleeping the material you are working on."

Set designer Timothy Averill, Trui Malten (lights), Constance Campbell (costumes) and other production assistants also had a difficult task, for they had to rework the production to preserve the full use of the Ohio Theater's stage.

Among other collaborators were Susan Creitz (choreography), Edgar Dupont (technical director), Johan Ahr (dramaturg), junior Ashley Sloan Kenzer (assistant director), junior Michael S. Geller (dramaturg, student writer), Brendan F. Pilder (production stage manager) and Zachary R. Mannheimer (student writer).

Pit singers Megan Bosso, Jennifer Grosse, Jenna Leedom, and Kelly Vivian added to the atmosphere.

The production staff included Ian Alderman (crew), Matt Allar (properties), Rob Barbieri (master carpenter and touring crew), Josh Beiler (assistant stage manager), Samantha Ferrante (crew), Sarah Herr (light board operator), David Kapner (crew), Beret Kirkeby (wardrobe), Adam P. Matyseck (assistant stage amnager), Sharon Reinhart (master electrician) and Melissa Rhoads (crew).

Everyone's hard work paid off and the ensemble was invited to perform in the American College Theater Festival at The State University of New York in Buffalo on January seventeenth.

They competed against four other regional productions for the opportunity to be considered for an invitation to the national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in the spring of 1998.

The ensemble performed one show in Buffalo and according to Gardner, "it went well."

He continued, "We put up a show in four hours and actually did it!"

Overall reactions to the show have been positive. "Audiences really enjoyed it. They found it on the line of good art which is what we were aiming for," said Gardner.

The ensemble will be notified how they placed in the competition in mid-February. Good luck!

# Entertainment editors review holiday movie hits

**by Jillian Lovejoy and Ellen Gerber**
**Entertainment Editors**

Another holiday season brings numerous joys to people worldwide...presents, candy, and, of course, a slew of big-budget, intelligently marketed movies. We thought we'd briefly review the 5 most prevalent, in order to catch you guys up and fill you in on things you might have missed. Enjoy!

## As Good As It Gets

This sweet, quirky and surprisingly feel-good comedy has brilliant lines, though the script is not altogether spectacular. At times it even reaches trite, but phenomenal performances by Golden Globe winners Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson are its saving grace. Cameo performances by the likes of Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Skeet Ulrich also add to the tone of the film, although their on-screen moments are fleeting. *As Good As It Gets* is witty and sentimental but still escapes categorization as a "chick flick."

## Scream 2

General rule of thumb: sequels are not worth your time or money. This holds especially true for horror sequels. Take the original *Halloween*, for example...or *Nightmare on Elm Street*...or *Friday the 13th*...all of these movies were actually good and legitimately scary. *Scream 2*, while nowhere near as good as its predecessor, does not reach the depths of the aforementioned sequels.

There are many cleverly written lines, but the whole script is nowhere near as intellegent as *Scream*'s. By the movie's end, however, it deteriorates completely, making viewers forget that the genre they are watching is horror and not theater of the absurd.

## Jackie Brown

Quentin Tarantino's latest offering lacks the ultra violence of *Reservoir Dogs* or *Pulp Fiction*, but has all of the quick lines and plot twists. Ultimately, this movie is less complex than Tarantino's other offerings, but remains almost as entertaining. Samuel L. Jackson, Robert DeNiro, and Bridget Fonda have an excellent on-screen chemistry, adding to the comedy.

Ressurecting Pam Grier for the title role proved to be another smart move on Tarantino's part. While her range is not wide, Grier is more than versatile enough to carry this part off. *Jackie Brown* is quirky and convoluted enough to please all Tarantino fans. Although not quite as brilliant as his earlier works, this film remains an excellent effort.

## Titanic

No one ever wants to know how a movie ends. After all, it ruins the entire experience. There is one exception, however, and that is *Titanic*.

Everyone knows that the ship sinks, but somehow this motion picture is as moving (no pun intended) as any other.

Although some of the lines that LeonardoDiCaprio and KateWinslet utter sound as though a seventh grader wrote them, the special effects are amazing and the love story is incredibly sweet and sappy to the dismay of many movie going males.

Director James Cameron tried to tie this story into modern times through flashback, which proved distracting and a bit contrived.

Once the film is over however, it is hard to believe that it was actually three and a half hours.

## Good Will Hunting

Not only are stars Matt Damon and Ben Affleck good looking, talented actors, but brilliant writers, too. Their screenplay for *Good Will Hunting* won these young'uns a Golden Globe.

The movie is jam-packed with talented young actors and veteran actor Robin Williams, whose performance as a psychology professor who befriends Damon is no less impressive than any of his other acting endeavours.

Minnie Driver, who plays Damon'sMedical School-bound girlfriend tends to be a bit annoying at times, but her British accent truly compliments Damon's Boston accent.

The movie is hilarious at times and sad at others. Seeing *Good Will Hunting* is a great way to spend a few hours--that is if you can get tickets!

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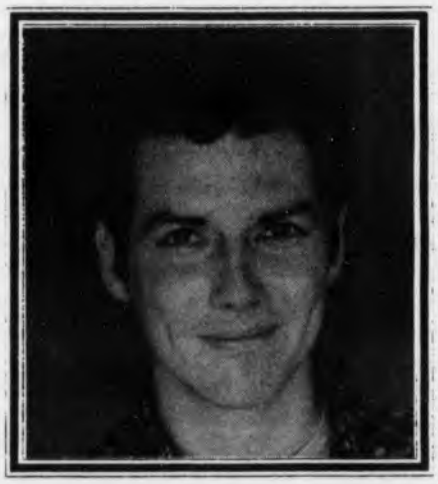

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# "The Next Line" comedy group wows students in The Red Door Cafe

## Media Law prof shows a less than studious side performing in improv group

**by Samantha Thomas**
**Guest Entertainment Writer**

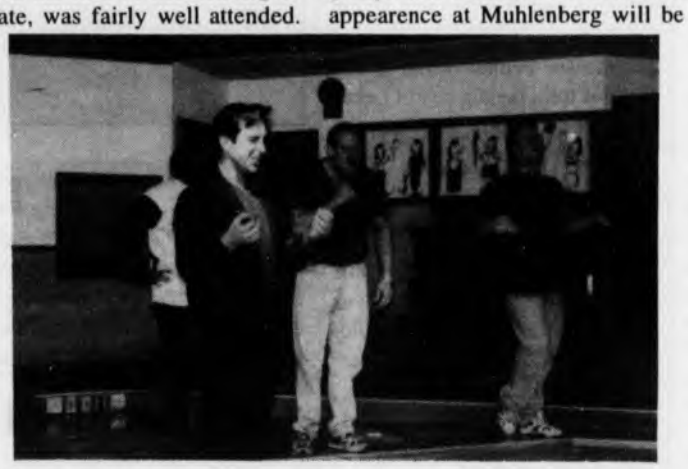
Another semester at Muhlenberg. Another Communication class in my cornucopia of electives within my major.

I expected Media Law to be like all of the rest. No one shows up on Fridays or the day before Thanksgiving break, but after the first day in class with Attorney Daylin Leach I knew I would never think of libel cases in the same way again.

Leach wasn't just some lawyer (who is incidently named after a brand of vitamins). He is a really funny guy, even in the classroom. He further proved that he does have a sense of humor in his performance with his improv group "The Next Line." "The Next Line" performed in The Red Door on Saturday January 17.

Leach's performance, which was his first at Muhlenberg to date, was fairly well attended. Obviously other comedy groups whose members are students will draw a larger crowd than an act of this nature would.

Nevertheless, "The Next Line" certainly proved to be a very funny group. It is doubtless that their next appearence at Muhlenberg will be even better attended.



The group typically performs in Philadelphia on weekends but according to Leach, he was looking forward to performing for a more youthful audience.

"The Next Line" performed skits such as "the bad date" and others that actively involved members of the audience.

The group also used props and random phrases given by the audience.

These phrases were incorporated into skits. Leach commented, "I was happy with the crowd participation and the crowd seemed to be happy with "The Next Line."

Leach's former student Christine Barbee commented, "Daylin was very funny and I was surprised that the group could come up with the skits so quickly."

"Overall, it was a pretty good improv comedy act, but I think that any of Muhlenberg's own comedy acts, like Uninvited Guests, put on a show that's just as good, if not better, "said Larry Carney.

Fortunately for Muhlenberg, Leach has expressed an interest in returning to The Red Door again some day.

He also hopes that with more publicity, they will draw an even larger crowd for their next performance. Watch out for signs around campus announcing a repeat performance of "The Next Line." This is one show you don't want to miss.

# Concert Board announces prospects for second concert of the year

## Smashmouth *and* Third Eye Blind *are 2 possibilities, say co-presidents*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Muhlenberg College's Concert Board is not about to rest on its laurels.

Only a few brief months after their successful Wallflowers concert, Concert Board is now planning a second concert for this semester.

Deb Edmund and Mike Rembetsy, new Concert Board co-presidents and newly appointed treasurer Kevin Coleman, are in the process of scheduling another show.

The Concert Board is curently in the biding process to try to book the bands Smashmouth and Third Eye Blind who would tentatively perform together on Sunday, March 22 in Memorial Hall.

Approximate ticket price would be $10 for 'Berg students and $12-$15 for others.

Smashmouth's hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" is familiar to all students, as it has currently received both much air time and acclaim.

In fact, their album has risen to 19 on the charts, and has continued to rise for the 26 weeks that it has been on the charts.

Third Eye Blind is another newly popular band, whose singles "Semi Charmed Life" (22 on charts) and "How's it Gonna Be" (11 on charts) are also dominating the radio waves. So, whether you're a fan of harder ska music, or if it's that typical top forty sound that you crave, this show would satisfy.

Would you be interested in taking an active part in scheduling this or another show at Muhlenberg this semester?

Concert Board is currently looking to expand its membership, and would like to have varied input from a larger percentage of the student body this semester.

In fact, postions are open for several committee heads, including publicity, hospitality, box office, ID, merchandise, security, tickets, and most importantly, production.

Any suggestions can be directed to either Edmund, Rembetsy, Becky Grace, or any Concert Board member.

Questions, comments or ideas should either addressed in person in the Student Activities Office or called in (x3418).

The Concert Board requests that all interested students write or call in their replies to the questions below, returning them to the Student Activities Office.

Since Concert Board's main objective is to give students a show that they can relate to, all input is greatly appreciated.

Concert Board wishes to provide Muhlenberg with shows that are accessible and agreeable to all students.

## Concert Board Survey

What style of music do you listen to?

What do you want Concert Board to do for you?

***The Weekly* is looking for photographers and writers. If you are interested call Larry or Jill at X3187**

## Letters to the Editor

# Neighbors Praise Students

To the Editor:

A few days before Christmas, we found in our vestibule two copies of a superb photograph of our house. On the back of one was this note: "I took this photograph for a class project and thought you might like a copy. A Muhlenberg Student."

To that Muhlenberg student: many thanks for your thoughtfulness (and photographic skill). Although your action was very special to us, we didn't find it untypical.

As neighbors of Muhlenberg for almost 25 years, we've noted many times how engagingly courteous and just plain nice Muhlenberg students are. If the students have taken some critical hits in the past few years, they more than deserve recognition of the fact that we—and many others—find the great majority of them neighbors we're delighted to have.

Irene and Henry Acres

# Coach Denounces Profanity

To the Editor-

I wrote this letter to gain a better understanding of the language issue. I'm trying to understand if it makes a person bad if they use foul language. As I'm thinking about this topic I didn't want to take the easy way out and blame it on the media. I know for a fact that some kids whom use a lot of foul language are from good families, and I would imagine the majority of the rest come from good families as well. Then why is it that no matter where I go, field house, cafeteria, or even the library, I hear foul language? Is it because it is just accepted here, and I need to adjust to it?

When I was in high school and in college I was far from a "model citizen." I made as many mistakes as the next person, but the things I never lost were the manners and respect I was taught. I answer with "yes sir" and "yes ma'am," and I wouldn't even consider sitting down to eat with my hat on. Now granted, I was raised in a different environment, a small town in the country, but I would never dare use foul language in the company of an adult, if anyone. I couldn't even imagine having a conversation with a parent, professor, or coach that involved using foul language. So why is it that so many people around here do? Do you think it makes you sound mature? It doesn't, and in fact, I think it does the opposite. Are you the type of person who says: "It helps me get my point across?" Guess what, it actually takes away from what you are saying.

I don't necessarily think using foul language makes you a bad person, just not a very respectable one. The Muhlenberg Community is made up of good people from good families, so why so much foul language? Is it alright? I don't think so, but that is just my opinion, and I hope I'm not alone. So the next time you are having a conversation, keep this in mind: there is no need for foul language, in fact it is a detractor.

This whole letter is my opinion, take it with a grain of salt. You don't have to agree or disagree, just remember that foul language is still offensive to some of us.

Coach Dan Albert

# Student Appreciates Experience

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Study Abroad Office and the French Department, in particular Dr. Kathryn Wixon, for allowing me the experience of a semester abroad. I have heard a rumor that study abroad is being strongly discouraged, and I sincerely hope that this is not a true statement.

Spending a semester in the south of France was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. First, I got the chance to learn not only a language first hand through immersion, but also another culture. I lived in what I consider one of the most beautiful places in Europe, and I made friends that I will keep for life. But most importantly, I gained independence that I could never obtain at Muhlenberg. I made my own decisions, traveled where I wanted, and was able to think through problems in a different way.

I have talked to others who have been abroad, and the response has mainly been the same: it is something that has changed our lives. We also want to share this experience. Our advice to underclassmen? GO. It will be the most incredible thing you do in college.

Jenny-Lynn Knotek
Class of 1999

# Lebanon Sees Its Annual Bologna Drop

**The World According to Me**
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

Welcome back campers! I hope all of you had a good break and got enough fiber in your diet. This week's topic is New Year's celebrations. Does the town or neighborhood in which you live do something special on New Year's Eve? The most famous of these celebrations is obviously the ball drop in Times Square in New York, but my hometown of Jonestown, Pennsylvania is ten minutes from the big city of Lebanon, (yes, the one that was the former home office of David Letterman) and in Lebanon they lower a bologna on New Year's Eve. This is a true story. I swear to you that I am not making this up. It was 100 pounds. It was seven feet long. It was all bologna. Much like the ball in New York the bologna is lowered and at midnight on December 31 it touches down on a platform. Unlike the ball, however, the bologna is edible. As onlookers who hadn't heard the news that it was going to be given to the food shelter waited with forks and mustard, 1998 began. If I may interject here for a moment, I don't really think the poor and downtrodden were that excited to learn they'd be having bologna for the next five weeks. I interviewed a man who was at the Bologna Drop and this is the result of that interview:

Me: Were you impressed by the size of the bologna?

Man: Yes, I eat a lot of bologna, but this would have been too much for me to eat.

Me: Are you disappointed that they have decided to give the bologna to the needy?

Man: A little bit. I brought my wife and three children here tonight to observe this triumph of mankind, and even my cousin from West Virginia drove up here yesterday to see this. I guess we'll just pick up some bologna on the way home. It was a pretty nice gesture to give the bologna to the needy.

Disclaimer- Most of this story is true.

# Council Details Election Dates and Activities

**Council Update**
by Chris McClary

Welcome back. As the semester gets underway your student council continues their work on current projects as well as starting new ones. Regular allocations will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 P.M. The location of this meeting has been changed to rooms 108 and 109 in Seegers Union. You can sign up for regular allocations now at the union desk. "One America in the Twenty-First Century" is a new project that council is doing to celebrate diversity under a unified America. Student Council representatives met with Ken Luopo [sic] this week and walked through the campus to get ideas on improving the lighting. The dates have been set for both the 1998 presidential election and the student council representatives election. Nominations for Student Body President will be held in the union on February 24th through the 26th. Nominations for student council representatives will be held in the union as well on March 17th through the 19th. Student council and M.A.C. are co-sponsoring Norm McDonald, who is the news guy from Saturday Night Live. Norm McDonald will be performing at Muhlenberg on January 26th at 9:00 P.M. in Memorial Hall. Council is involved in the planning of Winter Fest '98, which will take place on February 7th in Memorial Hall. For more details on any of these events and projects contact one of your student council representatives or come to one of the meetings. As always, your council meets every Thursday at 7:00 P.M, third floor in the Haas building.

# *Weekly* Columnist Discusses Life Long Learners

**Worlds Apart**
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

Well we're all back! One big happy family again... so how was your break? Enough about break! I discovered something. I think that this may be one of the most important assets that Muhlenberg has to offer. I believe that I have discovered a unique and fresh seam of thinking on this apathetic and socially flooded campus. To those of you who have come across what I will soon describe I'm glad that you've found it and hope that you'll enjoy it as much as I will. The remainder of you, I only have pity in my heart for.

This thing which I speak of is an evaluative process, it involves one's awareness, capacities, and willingness to work. This emotion is one that stems from realizing one has the ability, and is making swift progress towards becoming a lifelong learner. A lifelong learner is about openness to experience. Each day is an awakening of the mind, senses, and one's body. When one is a lifelong learner they are unafraid to acknowledge their most precious asset: their ignorance. Each moment is lived with a mature proficiency of understanding. An awareness of how and what things impact the world, the ability to distinguish ideas and theories as larger parts of the whole. This maturity and a childlike, investigative innocence enables one to be suseptable to new and different ideas. Learning doesn't necessarily imply changing one's point of view. With each new experience it translates to developing your own point of view based on the ideas of others- professors, friends, thinkers, etc. Learing is the skill to listen patiently to others and to be aware of their opinions before expressing one's own ideals. In a world of non-listeners, evidenced by the influx of counselors and therapists, people need to be more understanding and slower to pass judgement on others.

Becoming a lifelong learner is not something that one can expect to be graded on or to memorize and regurgitate come exam time. Becoming a lifelong learner is a skill that one learns through active participation in the lives of people. The skills that are the most crucial element of one's investment in learning <u>are</u> taught here at Muhlenberg! The professors and academic environment of campus does not <u>force</u> one to learn; lifelong learning is a self-taught method. Just being in class will not teach one the necessary skills for lifelong learning, active participation will.

So be aware of the other people around you and don't be so self-centered most of the time. Think about how other people interpret your actions. Are you the type of student who discusses theories with his professor over dinner, after class... or one who talks about their so-called friends while double fisting it on any given Friday night here at Muhlenberg?

# Editor Debates Necessity of Human Cloning

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

Chicago scientist Dr. Richard Seed has announced his intentions to clone a human being within the next few years. This bizarre and ethically questionable announcement has provoked debate and called for reform of laws in order to prevent such an endeavor from occurring. There is much uncertainty about Seed's proposal, such as which country would sanction such a project, and the more universally prominent question, should this be permitted to happen? I believe there are some things that humans should not do, and human cloning falls into this category.

The very idea of having an exact duplicate of oneself would have been considered the work of science fiction until last year, when a sheep was successfully cloned. Almost immediately, questions followed about the possibility of cloning other animals, and even man. I think there is a more important question: how would this benefit mankind?

If Seed is successful in cloning a human, there will be a person who has a carbon copy of himself, the only difference being that the clone would be younger and less developed than the parent. What would be the purpose of the clone? Would it be used as a form of fertility therapy for couples unable to conceive children by natural means? Or worse, would the clone simply be an object for sideshows and medical instruction on genetic engineering?

Humans are not like other animals. We have a more developed brain that enables us to communicate, make decisions, and engage in interactions that separate us from the rest of the animal kingdom. Would a clone be given the same opportunities to interact with humans on a daily basis? If not, what kind of life would this person live?

I think Seed forgets that he could alter all of humankind with his project. Or perhaps this is his intention. I wonder if people perceive cloning as the fabled fountain of youth, or a way that a person could live forever. I think this opens up a whole world that humans are not supposed to screw up. After all, we have done such a good job with the environment and the hunger problems of the world, why can't we delve into something like this?

Surely people will disagree with my position. I just cannot see the good in cloning human beings. Forgetting all the implications that cloning might have on natural selection, reproduction, and genetic engineering, what kind of life would a clone live? A person without his own identity would also have to endure the constant exposure of a media curiosity. There is no chance for a human clone to live a normal life once *Time* magazine placed him or her on its cover. I am not sure we want this sort of action in our society.

The FDA recently announced plans that make people who are interested in cloning humans apply for permission before proceeding. This is an attempt to eliminate Seed's proposal from taking place in the United States. Unfortunately, I believe that some government looking for recognition will permit Seed to experiment with human cloning. I hope society is prepared for an event unlike anything seen before in the medical community. I can just hope that Seed is unsuccessful in human cloning.

# Exploring "Radical Honesty"

by George Saitta
Assistant Opinion Editor

Well, Christmas break has come and gone (*as it always does*), and once again we are part of the college world of academia. Slowly, our bodies succumb to page through our textbooks. Many psychologists have characterized the months of January and February as the two most depressing months out of the year. Sadly, studies have shown that yearly *suicide* rates tend to be the highest within the confines of the Unites States during these two months.

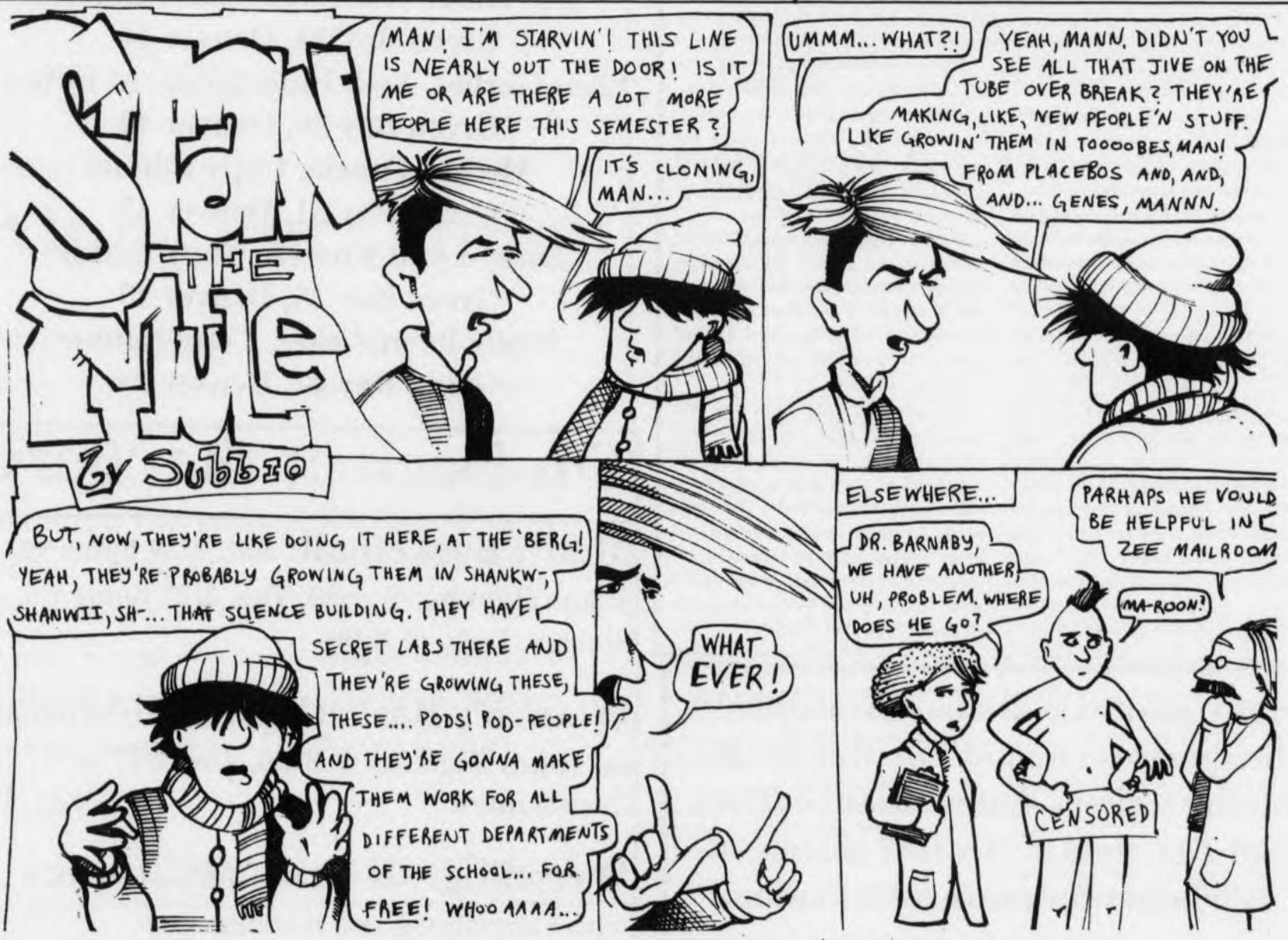
What are we to do when the college stress-factor of our bodies is approaching its *overload* mark? I don't advise to use your roommate's head as your punching bag or toss the microfridge out the window. Rather, one of the latest techniques for relieving anxiety, stress, and depression was revealed on an episode of *20/20* this past week. The concept is known as "radical honesty."

Psychologists define radical honest as the *word for word, heart to heart* expression of both feelings and emotions flowing from one person to another. In other words, speak what is on your mind—no matter how bold or how rash.

In know this might sound a little extreme; however, let's think like a true psychologist for the moment. For example, Rick and Johnny are father and son. Johnny is now eighteen years old, and due to the circumstances of his father's job, Johnny's dad missed most of his son's little league games. Sadly, Johnny has grown up with both anxiety and depression related to his father's absences. Most psychotherapists would advocate that the first step in helping Johnny deal with his problem is to open the lines of communication between Johnny and his father, Rick.

According to the special on *20/20* last Friday, Johnny should utilize his communication sessions with his father to release years of building depression and anxiety. Maybe even a few fine choice words might be exchanged. However, can Johnny's problem cannot be solved unless anger and frustration flow freely—*radically*.

No I am not advocating that the student body of Muhlenberg College run out and scream at its professors. Rather, try "radical honesty"—it can make the stress of these winter months fade slowly away.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by Subbio
MAN! I'M STARVIN'! THIS LINE IS NEARLY OUT THE DOOR! IS IT ME OR ARE THERE A LOT MORE PEOPLE HERE THIS SEMESTER?
IT'S CLONING, MAN...
UMMM... WHAT?!
YEAH, MANN. DIDN'T YOU SEE ALL THAT JIVE ON THE TUBE OVER BREAK? THEY'RE MAKING, LIKE, NEW PEOPLE'N STUFF. LIKE GROWIN' THEM IN TOOOOBES, MAN! FROM PLACEBOS AND, AND, AND... GENES, MANNN.
BUT, NOW, THEY'RE LIKE DOING IT HERE, AT THE 'BERG! YEAH, THEY'RE PROBABLY GROWING THEM IN SHANKW-, SHANWII, SH-... THAT SCIENCE BUILDING. THEY HAVE SECRET LABS THERE AND THEY'RE GROWING THESE, THESE.... PODS! POD-PEOPLE! AND THEY'RE GONNA MAKE THEM WORK FOR ALL DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE SCHOOL... FOR FREE! WHOOAAAA...
WHAT EVER!
ELSEWHERE...
DR. BARNABY, WE HAVE ANOTHER, UH, PROBLEM. WHERE DOES HE GO?
PARHAPS HE VOULD BE HELPFUL IN ZEE MAILROOM
MA-ROON!
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# Under Siege

***A new weekly column examining the problems facing professional sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The sport of boxing has never been one of my favorites. I generally think boxing matches are boring, barbaric, and brutal. But over this past vacation I was glued to the television for over an hour, watching a boxing match that was, by far, the most entertaining I've ever seen.

No, it wasn't some heavyweight bout with former criminals biting pieces of flesh off each other. And it wasn't some over-the-hill former champion having a mid-life crisis and returning to boxing only to make a fool out of himself and the sport. It was the December 19 fight between Kevin Kelly and the current IBF and WBO world featherweight champion "Prince" Naseem Hamed, shown on HBO.

"Prince" Naseem Hamed is a British boxer who has amassed an impressive 29-0 career record, with all but two of his wins coming by way of knockouts. But despite his proven success, many boxing analysts doubted Hamed's talent. Hamed had never fought outside of the United Kingdom, and never against such a skilled opponent as Kevin Kelly, the third-ranked featherweight fighter.

On December 19 Hamed showed his critics that he can beat the best the world has to offer, and he showed the world that boxing could be a fun and entertaining sport.

The HBO coverage started with the usual pre-fight commentary and analysis. The challenger, Kelly, was introduced and entered the ring. The lights went out, the techno dance music started playing, and Hamed was introduced. The sold-out Madison Square Garden crowd and the millions of home viewers witnessed the Prince's elaborate pre-fight ritual where he danced to the music behind a back-lit white sheet, with only his silhouette visible. This lasted a good six or seven minutes, during which time the television coverage switched between the dancing Prince and the frustrated Kelly, who was left waiting in the ring.

Just as it seemed as though the New York crowd was beginning to tire of his dance, Hamed emerged from behind his sheet and made his way to the ring. Once he entered the ring the two featherweight fighters, dwarfed by their massive entourages, stood eye to eye, and it seemed as if they would begin the fight right then and there. But the two were separated, and the appropriate instructions were given.

The fight began just as the analysts predicted it would, with Kelly using a traditional boxing technique, trying to gauge the strengths and weaknesses of Hamed, and the Prince dancing around the ring in his unorthodox style. For four rounds the two battled, with their contrasting styles providing onlookers with a level of entertainment rarely seen in boxing matches.

Kevin Kelly showed why he was such a highly regarded fighter, dropping Hamed to the canvas three times, but the Prince proved he was a deserved champion, knocking out Kelly with a blistering left hook mid-way through the fourth round.

After the fight, former heavyweight champion and current HBO analyst George Foreman said that the fight had been one of the most enjoyable he had ever witnessed, and dubbed Hamed the "Prince of entertainment." Foreman was right.

The Hamed/Kelly fight was just what boxing needed. In a time where boxing is riddled with controversy, allegations of criminal wrongdoing, and would-be cannibals, the sport needs a fighter to step forward and bring boxing back to being the respectable, entertaining sport it once was. Let's hope "Prince" Naseem Hamed can be that fighter.

**Many positions are now available in the sports section of *The Weekly*, including writers and assistant editors. Call *The Weekly* at x3187 during office hours for more information.**

## Muhlenberg *Weekly* staff predictions for

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## On Deck at the 'Berg

**Men's Basketball:** Sat. 1/24 home vs. Johns Hopkins @ 6:00, Tue. 1/27 home vs. Stevens Tech. @ 8:00

**Women's Basketball:** Sat. 1/24 home vs. Johns Hopkins @ 8:00, Tue. 1/27 at Swarthmore

**Wrestling:** Sat. 1/24 @ Johns Hopkins with Gettysburg and Swarthmore

# Profile of a Mule: Sarah Clarke

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent Muhlenberg athletes*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

Soldiers in wartime puts their lives in the trust and leadership of their general. He or she puts their faith in the fact that their general will find a way to lead them to victory. While the Muhlenberg women's basketball team may not necessarily be in wartime, the court does represent the battlefield, and they are led in to battle by tri-captain Sarah Clarke.

A better floor general will not be found anywhere in the Centennial Conference. With the ball in her hands, the lady Mules know that mistakes are few and far between.

Sarah Clarke, a junior psychology and elementary education major, is from Nutley, New Jersey. She began dribbling through defenders at the age of eight. She continued to improve and was a star on her varsity team at Nutley High School. Here she had her first taste of success.

"We had a winning program, usually we were either one or two in our league." After graduation, she decided to attend Muhlenberg for several reasons. "I was looking for a small school where I could play right away. Also I wanted to attend a school where I could have a good social life." Fortunately for us, she found that at Muhlenberg.

Now in her third year, she has already had a stellar career. As a freshman she made her presence known by coming in and doing what she does best: scoring and breaking down the opponent. However, adjusting was a little difficult at first.

"The biggest difference at this level was that I knew I had to get stronger." So she did. Last year the team began the season with a preseason Top 10 ranking. However injuries to both Jill Roth and herself as well as a terrible car accident that injured a few other players caused the Mules to make a late charge at the title.

Sarah missed the entire month of January with an ankle injury. Once healthy, she led the squad to an impressive 10 and 1 record and to the Centennial Conference Championship.

"Winning the championship was just the best feeling, it was just a really good feeling," Sarah said.

This year things have been a little difficult. The defending champs are 7 and 6, but have snapped a five game losing streak by winning two straight over F & M and Washington.

Sarah helped the team out by making critical free throws at the end of both games. Currently, she leads the conference with 60 assists. She also leads the team in steals, free throw percentage, and three point field goal percentage. Her 9.7 points/game puts her second on the team behind Jill Roth.

Sarah also holds two records: career three point field goals (70) and single season assists (106), which she set last year despite missing an entire month. She is closing in on the career assist record. She only needs 49 more to break the record.

Sarah brings a lot of energy as well as skill to the court. Perhaps the best word to describe her is what her fellow back court teammate calls her: "Scrappy." The team is poised to get back and win the championship again. With their general healthy and breaking down opponents like nothing, they have a real good shot at it. Sarah, this is your world.....the rest of us just pay you rent.

**Congratulations to the new members of**

# Alpha Phi Omega!

**Becca Abensur**
**Kelly Barton**
**Amy Brown**
**Jo Buckley**
**Amanda Christian**
**Eriq Duong**
**Andrea Dyjak**
**Andy Kent**
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**Love,**

**Your Brotherhood**

# Too much cash for TV?

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Is anyone else surprised at the billions of dollars Fox, CBS, ABC and ESPN shelled out for the television rights for the National Football League?

It's amazing that networks are broadcasting games in which they know they will lose money. Tons of money. ESPN estimates it will lose millions of dollars for each game it televises. Knowing that, ESPN still paid and overpaid for these games.

It shouldn't surprise you though. The NFL has been the foundation for many networks. Network executives of the winning networks contend that while they lose money on each game, the money will be made up in the viewership in other programs. In other words, if you are watching the 4:00 p.m. NFL game and the game is followed by *60 Minutes*, there is a greater chance you'd be turning in to Andy Rooney than Bart Simpson.

NBC Sports Executive Dick Ebersol laughs at the amounts the other networks paid but the joke may be on him just like it was on CBS in 1993 when they lost the NFL.

Losing the NFL killed all the programming on CBS. CBS fell to dead last in the all-important 18-34 male demographic, falling behind Fox which wasn't even a network a few years earlier.

Combined with the losing of *Seinfeld*, NBC could lose in that important demographic. NBC now has Major League Baseball, which is slowly rebounding, and the National Basketball Association, which may be without the dominating Bulls at the end of the year. Granted, they still do have the Olympics tied up through 2008, but will that be enough?

As bad as the fall was for CBS in 1993, it was even a better rise for Fox. Fox became the fourth recognized network shortly after winning the NFL. Overall ratings soared after picking up professional football.

Likewise, winning the NFL in 1998 will help CBS return to the top of television land. Their network line-up is filled with potential winners that could use a little help from a few NFL promotions.

The other winner is ESPN. The few households in the country which do not have cable will need their football games and might have to breakdown and get cable.

So Mr. Ebersol, only bad things happen to those networks that underestimate the power of a little football.

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# Mules lose eighth straight road game

## *While perfect at home, Muhlenberg has yet to figure out how to win on the road*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

They say that there's no place like home. No statement better sums up the '97-'98 Muhlenberg Men's Basketball season. The team has an overall 5-8 record, with all eight losses coming on the road.

After starting the season by taking first place in the annual Scotty Wood tournament thanks to a dramatic last second three point shot by senior Jeff Graham, the Mules followed up with a win against King's College to raise their record to 3-0.

Then the troubles began for the Mules, as they dropped eight out of their next ten games, including two road games last week against Washington and Moravian.

After losing to Moravian by thirty points, the largest margin of the season, the Mules lost a heartbreaker to Washington on Saturday. Muhlenberg led most of the game, but a late 15-0 run by the Shoremen handed the Mules their eighth loss of the season by a final score of 72-66.

Sophomore Chris Kenny made his first start of the season and led the team with a career high 21 points. Junior Mark Morrison contributed 13 points and junior Jim Doumato tossed in ten points. Both Kenny and Morrison drained four three-pointers each.

Doumato and sophomore Kenyamo McFarlane shared the team lead in rebounds with seven apiece. Doumato is the lone Muhlenberg representative in the national Division III leader boards, averaging 10.6 rebounds per game, good enough for fourteenth in the nation.

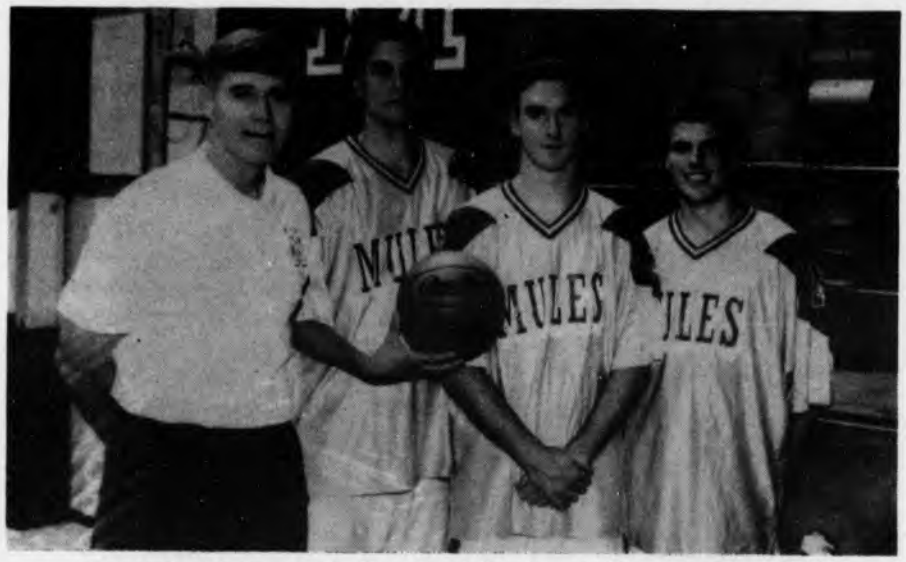
When asked about the team's trouble winning on the road, center Jim Doumato said that "the majority of the games were lost not because of the location, but because of the caliber of the team we played."

Doumato further commented on improvements the team has made. "Since last Wednesday we've improved on team chemistry," Doumato said.

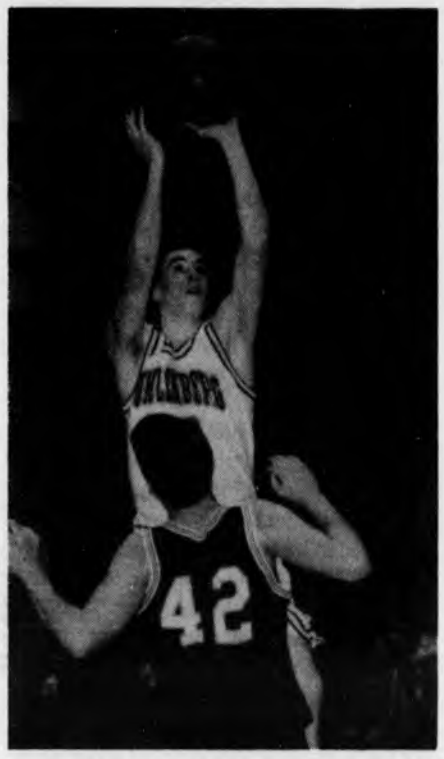
"We had a team meeting and ironed everything out. We're running our offence more in practice. We're not just going through the motions anymore."

The Mules' next four games will be at home, and ten out of their next eleven will be against Centennial Conference opponents.

The road woes must be fixed in order for the Mules to compete for the conference title.



*Head Coach Dave Madiera and the team's three seniors, Jeff Graham, Matt Henrich, and Mike Queenan*



*Sophomore Chris Kenny shoots over a defender in a recent contest. Kenny had a career-high 21 points in the Mules' recent loss to Washington and is averaging almost 5 points per game this season.*

# Lady Mules beat F&M and Washington

## *Strong performances by freshman Jessica Drennan raises Mules' Centennial Conference record to 4-1*

**by Kate Lederman**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Despite a rough few games the Lady Mules basketball team pulled themselves together to bring home two crucial wins.

The team is currently 4-1 in Centennial Conference play due to the past two spectacular wins at Franklin & Marshall on January 14, and Washington College on January 17.

During the F&M game, freshman Jessica Drennan scored 23 points, had six rebounds, and four steals. Her intensity and hard work created a positive feeling amongst the team.

Drennam is the first Mule in five years to score 20 or more points in back to back games, and the first freshman to accomplish this feat in eight years.

Drennan commented, "I am really excited about the team's performance, we are all finally coming together." Because of her stellar play, Drennan was named rookie of the week for the second consecutive week.

Co-Captain Sarah Clarke finished with 13 points, including two clutch free throws at the end of the game. Those free throws iced the score for the Mules for a final of 49-45.

On January 17, the Lady Mules went to Washington College where they once again defeated their opponent in a close game. The final score was 68-66.

Over the semester break, the women's basketball team traveled to the Bahamas, and lost three games playingagainst tough Division II teams. Despite thier losses, they gained experience and the concept of a "team."

Injured freshman P.J. Schwartz observed that "we really came together as a team on the trip; we overcame the problems that faced us, and became a stronger team. We are now playing better than ever."

*Junior Amanda Waterbury fights for the ball in a recent game against Washington College*

Not only did the girls play basketball in the Bahamas, they occupied the casinos, the hotel pool, and absorbed the nightlife.

Returning from the Bahamas, the Lady Mules basketball team is stronger than ever. Each girl has established her own role on the team. They are working together to win games. This week the Mules will play Johns Hopkins on Saturday and away at Swarthmore on Tuesday.

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# Norm MacDonald performs to packed Memorial Hall

## *Mixed reviews as some were offended by comic's style of humor*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Sex, drugs, porn o' plenty and cheese: These were the recurring themes in Norm MacDonald's stand-up routine in Memorial Hall Monday night.

MacDonald, late for the performance and sick but certainly dynamic, entertained Muhlenberg students for about an hour and a half, receiving mixed reviews from students.

However, there was also a fairly steady stream of students leaving the gym, possibly because the hour grew later, more likely because they were offended by parts of MacDonald's act.

Actually, it really didn't seem as if MacDonald had a routine that he was following. The beginning was extremely disjointed, even difficult to follow.

In fact, there was some speculation as to the sobriety of the comedian, but such claims have been refuted.

"I'm pretty sure he was just sick," said Brian Teta '98, who interviewed MacDonald after the show.

Nevertheless, MacDonald pulled himself together, and the comedy ensued...

MacDonald held no topic sacred in his show. In fact, he pretty much bashed or made a joke of every group imaginable, evoking laughter from the audience all the while.

His topics were varied, including booze, drugs, sex, porn, bestiality, sexuality, illness and his twisted views on life in general.

According to Becky Grace, the Director of Student Activities, MacDonald performed in front of 1500 people, mostly Muhlenberg students.

His sarcastic, caustic delivery added to the impact of his words. MacDonald has a dry, matter-of-fact sense of humor; he was speaking of topics often considered taboos so frankly, adding to his shock value.

While many students were thrilled at his blunt and crude offerings, others were not as impressed.

"Norm MacDonald is a very funny guy—I know he could have found a more tasteful way to deliver his comedy, "said Louis Alloro '00. "I left halfway through because I became increasingly disgusted with his pigheaded 'jokes.' "

Becky Grace commented that although she was "shocked by some of the things that MacDonald said, most students knew what to expect from him. A few of his topics probably shouldn't have been touched on, but the majority of comments that I have heard have been positive ones."

Grace continued to say that despite his sickness, MacDonald was nothing but courteous to students, staying to sign autographs and give an interview.

"MacDonald came to our school to do an act, which was exactly what he did. As crude as the show was, the first thing he did upon returning to the dressing room was call his son to wish him goodnight and tell him that he loved him," said Grace. Whether he ended up offending or not, the turnout for the show was indisputably encouraging.

And according to Grace, MacDonald enjoyed performing for Muhlenberg. "From what I've heard, MacDonald stays longer only for audiences that he feels comfortable with, audiences who are responsive."

This accounts for the length of the show.

Booking MacDonald shows tremendous effort from MAC. They also credit much of the event's success to Student Council, who helped to fund the show.

Because of their assistance, the $1 donation took place of a ticket fee. Proceeds from the donation reached around $950, which will help to reimburse Council for their financial contribution.

Grace wishes to thank Council for their help. MacDonald's performance was a success. His humor might have alienated some students, but most reactions have been overwhelmingly positive.

# Long anticipated Seeger's Union remodeling underway

## *Renovations planned to alleviate crunch at dining times while creating new meeting space*

**by Louis Alloro**
**Assistant news editor**

Plans for the conversion, expansion, and renovation of Seegers Union are underway. This multimillion dollar project will include the expansion of the General's Quarters through Lelah's Room and Rooms 108, 109, and 110.

GQ will be converted into a food court/marketplace including a deli, grill, brick-oven pizza station, and salad bar area. A grab-and-go section will include prewrapped items "appropriate to the campus community," said Richard Begbie, Director of Seegers Union.

All cash food operations will be out of the GQ with the exception of Java Joe's which will remain at its current location.

Because meeting rooms will be lost in the GQ renovation, plans are being made for a two-story construction on the north side of the building (facing Brown Beach and Shankweiler). The upper level will house meeting rooms and a new faculty/staff dining facility, similar to Lelah's Room. The lower level will house the same student service offices but each will be reorganized to alleviate the current cramped spaces.

"The Red Door Cafe will close as an eating area," Begbie said, but will continue to be used for programming by Student Council and Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC).

When asked about the current congestion in the Garden Room, Begbie sighed and commented that plans are underway to "redesign the Garden Room service and eliminate the traditional lines."

New areas, similar to the current Action Station, which is a precursor to the changes they would like to see implemented, will be added around the cafeteria.

"The Action Station seems to be well-received by the students," Begbie noted.

The Wood Company continues to adjust personnel to accommodate the often overflow at the station. Plans do not include the expansion of the Garden Room to include more seating but Sue Fredricks, Assistant to the Director of Seegers Union, said that "longer hours may be negotiated to lessen congestion at popular eating times."

Students were pleased to find the new $30,000 gas fireplace installed in the lounge upon returning from winter break. "We did not anticipate the back draft problem in the original plans from the constant opening of the union's front doors," Begbie said, "but we are looking into solving the problem within the next week."

This phased renovation project is suspected "to be completed in three to five years, possibly sooner. We are waiting for our financing to be in place and for the conclusion of our in-depth research to cost out various options," Begbie said.

There is talk, however, that the project may begin as soon as this summer "but it is still unknown as to whether that is a conceivable possibility."

Dean of the College for Faculty, Curtis Dretsch, commented that although the college has other priorities, including the new performance arts building, the field of dreams project, and the new academic building, "we [the administration] are definitely concerned about the overcrowding problems in Seegers and have begun to make some plans to elevate them."

# Nationline

Things happening around the world.
Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Space Center, Houston**—NASA astronaut Andrew Thomas has successfully space-tailored his spacesuit, making it now possible to remain aboard Russia's Mir spacestation. Thomas was able to make the suit fit properly by removing some sizing straps. NASA says correct sizing of the spacesuit, to be used only in an emergency, is crucial. It was too tight and the only spare was too big, raising questions Sunday about whether he would be able to complete a scheduled 4 1/2 month stay on Mir.

**Denver**—Broncos' fans are recovering from a rowdy post-win celebration Sunday night, in which police in riot gear used tear gas to break up the crowd of 10,000 that took over downtown Denver. Several people were arrested for fighting or creating a disturbance. Bonfires burned in the center of downtown and several young men hung from utility wires for several minutes near a Broncos banner before falling into the crowd. People hurled bottles at police horses in the Larimer Square area, where two cars were overturned by the crowd. One mounted police officer and his horse fell to the pavement while chasing a young reveler.

**New York**—A reputed Gambino crime family associate who was shot five times in the face and chest managed to make it to a Brooklyn hospital where he died awaiting surgery. Joseph "Joe Pits" Conigliaro, 67, a paraplegic, died of a heart attack four hours after showing up at Methodist Hospital on Friday. Detectives were told Conigliaro was shot at an intersection in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, not far from his social club, The One Over Golf Club. Newspapers reported that Conigliaro turned up, bleeding, at the social club and that he either drove himself to the hospital a mile away or was driven by someone else. Police did not say if the shooting was mob-related.

**New York**—Jay Monahan, the husband of NBC *Today* show host Katie Couric, died of cancer Saturday at the age of 42. Monahan was a lawyer and a legal analyst for NBC News. He underwent surgery for colon cancer on June 6. The couple married in 1989, a year after meeting in Washington. They have two daughters, Caroline, 2, and Elinor, 6 ½.

**Ventura, California**— A devout Hindu is suing Taco Bell, claiming he suffered extreme distress because he was served a beef burrito. Hindus hold cows sacred and Mukesh K. Rai maintains that he carefully ordered a bean burrito at the Taco Bell in Ventura in April. "He clearly repeated the order twice so that he would be ensured of not receiving a burrito with meat," the lawsuit states. He says he realized the mistake when he bit into it. His lawsuit, filed last week, seeks damages for emotional distress, medical expenses and loss of wages. There was no comment Sunday from Taco Bell.

**Charleston, South Carolina**—The U.S. Justice Department says it won't prosecute anyone in the alleged hazing of two of the first women to attend the Citadel. The reason: Some young men were treated as harshly as the women. Freshman cadets Jeannie Mentavlos and Kim Messer say they were hazed and harassed, even had their clothes set afire. Federal investigators say two male freshman cadets also had their clothes set on fire.

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# *Campus Safety Notes*

## Screaming townie vaults from car on 22nd street

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

**Jan. 19**
1. Vandalism – third floor Walz Hall – glass door of the fire extinguisher cabinet smashed

**Jan. 20**
1. Assist Allentown Police – Off-Campus – screaming reported in 500 block of 22nd St., individual from the city jumped out of a car
2. Sick Student – Martin Luther Hall
3. Sick Student – East Hall – stomach pain
4. Trashing – TKE – overflowing dumpster in front a health hazard
5. Harassment by Communication – Walz Hall – student's ex-boyfriend

**Jan. 21**
1. Malicious Mischief – Walz Hall – vandalism – baseball went through a room window

**Jan. 23**
1. Alcohol Violation – Brown Hall – referred to Dean's Office
2. Vandalism/Malicious Mischief – 2241 Liberty St. – vandalism to vehicle, 3 students identified vandalizing another student using shaving cream - referred to Dean's Office
3. Fire Alarm – Martin Luther Hall – someone pulled the lever for the sprinkler system in the stairwell

**Jan. 24**
1. Fire Alarm – 2245 Gordon St. – burnt food on a burner
2. Sick Student – East Hall
3. Drugs – Walz Hall – possession of marijuana by a non-student who left before Campus Safety arrived; issued a Letter of Trespass
4. Disturbance – Chew St. – disorderly conduct – group of students and non-students threw snowball at car on the street - referred to Dean's Office

**Jan. 25**
1. Fire Alarm – Delta Zeta house – water from shower in the smoke detector

**Jan. 26**
1. Harassment by Communication –Off-Campus – suspect student-on-student
2. Harassment by Communication – Walz Hall – on college computers – student-on-student
3. Harassment by Communication – Brown Hall – student-on-student

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# New religion course may grab "Trekkies" among curricula changes

## *After some heated debates, faculty approval granted to several class modifications*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Star Trek is beaming into your religion classrooms as a result of Monday's faculty meeting.

The faculty voted in favor of the new curriculum for the religion department which included the course Topics in Religion: The Religions of Star Trek. The new curriculum takes effect in the fall of this year.

Some opposing faculty members argued that having the 'Star Trek' course appear in the catalog and on transcripts would lessen Muhlenberg's reputation.

Bill Dunham, head of the Mathematics department asked, "[Having 'The Religions of Star Trek' as the title'] sounds a little flaky to me actually. It's a TV show and I don't like it. It sounds like a first-year seminar to me. I think that if I saw a transcript that said 'Religions of Star Trek' I might think less of it."

Dr. Jim Bloom, who chairs the Curriculum Committee, argued that, "It's a frightening way to make curricular policy by our faculty deciding on what a course title should be based on our own different perceptions of someone out there in America or the world reading a transcript and having one particular impression of it."

Susan Schwartz, who will actually teach the class, argued that religion in pop culture is a major part of today's study of religion.

She said, "It's actually a very active part of my discipline now. One of the reasons why I choose Star Trek is because it provides quite an interesting list for examining for current cultural attitudes towards religion."

Some faculty wondered why the course was not named Religion & Popular Culture.

Schwartz argued against the title because it did not accurately portray what was going to be taught in the class.

She said, "It did occur to me [to name the course that way], but that seems like a broader coverage. I wanted to focus [the class] on this particular phenomenon."

Some faculty members tried to change the name through an amendment.

However, the vote to change the name to Religion & Popular Culture failed.

Classes with Star Trek have been taught at other colleges and universities. The University of Pennsylvania and Binghamton University have offered the course.

The remainder of the new curriculum of the religion department passed through a faculty vote.

The English department's curriculum revision also passed through that faculty floor. However, it also sparked heated debate.

The new curriculum calls for the elimination of two courses. The Making of English Literatures and The Making of American Literatures will no longer be taught.

In their place, the English department will offer Introduction to English Studies, a literature course. According to the pro-

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# Two new directors join the Muhlenberg team

## *DeMaria joins Housing/Res Life Office*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**Assistant News Editor**

Don DeMaria recently joined the Housing and Residence Life Office, filling John Kane's position as Assistant Director of Housing.

DeMaria joins the staff straight from the Housing Office of Drexel University where he worked with Mary Beckwith, now the Assistant Director of Residence Life at Muhlenberg.

Beckwith both encouraged DeMaria to apply to the College and recommended him to the administration. "Muhlenberg seemed like a good opportunity," DeMaria said, "to move up in my professional career."

Ryan Kaplan '01, a work study student in the Office of Housing and Resident Life, raved about DeMaria.

"Don's positive outlook in our office makes everyone feel comfortable—from the day he came in, it has felt like he has been here forever" Kaplan said.

Originally from western Long Island, DeMaria received a BA degree from George Washington University in Political Science. He continued at Clemson University for a masters degree in counseling. There, he worked for the university's Student Affairs Program.

At Muhlenberg, DeMaria is looking to make things in the Housing and Residence Life office "fair and consistent," he said. "I'm looking to update the office's technology to make things run more smoothly and efficiently."

New West Resident Advisor Jamie Kohn, '98, said, "in the short time I've gotten to know him, Don seems like a genuinely nice person who immediately fit into our office. I know he will make positive contributions and changes to the Housing and Residence Life programs at Muhlenberg."

Don would like to get involved advising a student organization in an attempt to make himself more visible outside the office. Because Drexel did not have a football team, he's definitely looking forward to cheering on the Mules next season.

DeMaria is very excited about his new position at the College. "The students and my colleagues in this office are great—we have a good team. Amidst a busy day, we always try to have a good time."

## *Garow named new director of Career Development*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**Assistant News Editor**

Straight from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, Lynda Garow joined Muhlenberg's Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP) because she was "interested in another small, liberal arts college where the President is committed to every student's success in their career search—from freshmen to alumni."

At Clark, Garow was Director of Career Services for four years where she worked with undergraduate students in their career search.

A native of Vernon, Connecticut, Garow can remember as far back as high school, "when I knew I wanted to go into counseling of some sort."

Garow received an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Spanish from HarpurCollege,SUNY Binghamton.

From there, she received a masters degree of education in Counseling from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon finishing her degree, Garow worked in their Cooperative Education Department and Career Development Office for five years before joining the staff at Clark.

Her career path has led her to Allentown and from the moment she stepped on campus she "felt like this was the type of place I would enjoy working in and I was right," she commented. "It is wonderful to see such bright, motivated students who are truly interested in the different ways they will be able to use their Muhlenberg degree."

Associate Director of OCDP Julie Ambrose said that "Lynda

brings experience as a career center director at a like institution, so she is familiar with many of the issues students deal with at Muhlenberg.

" The advantage Lynda had over other candidates is her enthusiasm toward working with a student population that is more motivated and more demanding of the career services Muhlenberg offers."

Karen Dorney, Presidential Assistant and Employer Relations Associate in the Office of Career Development was extremely impressed with how well Garow fits into the team given the fact that she has been here merely four weeks.

"Lynda brings to Muhlenberg valuable experience in career development which can only enhance the services our office provides. She is focused, sensitive to issues, and has quickly developed a sincere rapport with both her staff and the students."

Garow commented that "Julie, Karen, the Career Assistants, and the rest of the very talented office staff add a great deal to the office capabilities. I am happy that the office is such a solid operation with a wonderful program."

Garow noted how beautifully the office ran last semester, as Ambrose took the role of Acting Director when former Director Phyllis Brust relocated to Chicago.

"I am very lucky; very, very lucky" Garrow continually said.

Among other things, she hopes to increase the office's use of technology for the career search process.

In her excitement of the addition of Garow to the department, Ambrose said that "the OCDP strives to provide services and career information to Muhlenberg College students and alumni that rival those offered anywhere; Lynda has shown the strong commitment, drive, and initiative to further our mission."

# Food Committee makes progress, but seeks student ideas

## *Much needed changes in food services to be expected with the revamping of Seeger's Union*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

Many students may not be aware of the effects of Muhlenberg's student-based Food Committee. Officially established in the fall of '96 under the direction of junior Jamie Hollander, the committee has helped to implement several changes to the college's food service.

For example, the new Action Station in the Garden Room, the Blue Plate Special in the Red Door, and last year's East Side Eatery, which was a major project, were all food committee ideas.

"The purpose of the committee," said sophomore committee member Carlos Munoz, "is to keep the lines of communication open between students and the Wood food company. We are like the voice of the students to the Wood company."

The Wood food company is the food service that supplies the college, in addition to making any suggested or necessary changes to the food program.

"Right now, the biggest problem Wood is facing with service is having big lunch and dinner rushes," said Munoz. "Basically, however, we're looking into the future as far as the renovation of Seeger's Union...all the [food] places (specifically General's Quarters) are handling more business than they were designed to. When they revamp Seeger's that's going to be taken care of, but until then we have to try to help them out and tell them what we can improve."

It is safe to say that the food committee has been successful in implementing its ideas. During the second semester of last year, the committee raised the idea of starting the East Side Eatery which was an eating facility located in the sport's corridor of the field house serving sandwiches, bagels, yogurts, juice, etc.

Student Council supported The Eatery under volunteer effort with the objective of permanent installation if sufficient profit was made. Unfortunately, not enough profit was made.

More recently, the Food Committee has made several improvements to the menu of the Red Door Cafe.

For example, the Blue Plate Special offers students a hot meal similar to what they would find in the Garden Room, as well as the new Subversions which are subs like those which GQ serves.

Also, Tuesday nights there is an Action Station offering freshly-made food by an on-the-spot chef.

"I think we've made a lot of progress," said Munoz of the committee.

"If you ask a senior, they'll probably tell you that the food is drastically better than it was a few years ago...Wood decided to drop many items that weren't popular, and they're trying to do the popular items much more often."

According to Munoz, it is important to get input from the Student Body. "Our objective now," said Munoz, "is to further open the lines of communication, not just between the Student Council and the Wood company, but between the students and the Student Council. What we tell Wood should be representative of, not just the committee, but the entire Student Body."

The next Food Committee meeting is February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in Seeger's Union Rm. 108, and is open to the entire student body.

# Productive faculty meeting

## *Changes to impact student choices*

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posal, the change was designed to "help our majors and minors develop the skills required for the sustained analysis of literary texts."

Since the new course will be given to majors and minors, members of the faculty contend that poor writers would not be able to benefit from the change. Rather, they would get lost in the shuffle.

Sue Curry Jansen, Communications Professor, said, "Since you are developing your writing program I was wondering if there was any consideration to developing writing at the lower levels. Since I teach a lot of freshmen, I see a lot of students who need help in grammar, as well as remedial writing."

The English department argued that the Writing Center and first-year seminar are the tools in which students who need remedial writing help should go.

In addition, the department claimed the new curriculum will take writing development into consideration.

Bloom, who is also Head of the English department, said, "What primary evidence is there that English Literature classes and American Literature classes currently taught do not stress writing and attention in what is for most of us our native language. I don't see how writing is being neglected."

The Political Science department also had lesser changes passed. Introduction to Political Science will no longer be taught. Instead, Introduction to Comparative Government & International Relations and Introduction to Democracy will be taught in their place.

**Are you a member of an interesting club that could be highlighted in the *Weekly*?**

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# Around Campus

## *Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**BGLAD! Week** is coming to Muhlenberg, February 2-6, 1998. A *Film Festival* will be held in the Red Door all week (for listings, see fliers). Wednesday is *Jean's Day* (wear your favorite pair of denim to support bisexual, gay, and lesbian individuals on campus). On Thursday, our keynote speaker, Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network) will be on campus. He will address the Education Department students and faculty at 3:00 pm in the CA Recital Hall and he will address the entire community at 7:00 pm that night in Trumbower 130 on *The American Dream*. Don't miss this dynamic and powerful speaker. A coffeehouse in the Hoffman House will follow his presentation. Email rainbow@hal for more information.

**Comunidad Latina** would like to invite all students and faculty to view the painting of Augusto Cesar Sandino. The painting is displayed in front of the Foreign Language Office. Comunidad Latina would also like to thank everyone who has offered their time and support to ameliorate this issue.

**Get It Over With Week** is not over yet! Don't miss today's and Friday's programs. Thursday's program, entitled *Interview Like a Pro*, will be held at 1:30, 3:00, and 4:00 in SU 108-109. Friday's work, *Researching Jobs and Organizations on the World Wide Web* will be held in Ettinger 105 at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:00. Sign up in the OCDP.

The first speaker in OCDP's **Spring Speaker Series** is Dr. Marjorie Hardy. She will speak getting into graduate school for psychology students on Monday, February 2 at 3:00 pm in Seegers 110. Sign up in the OCDP.

**Dr. Robert Coles** will lecture on *Morality and Educaiton* on Monday, February 2, 1 pm, in the Chapel.

The great halftime shows will highlight **Winterfest '98**, Saturday February 7 at 1 pm. The Phillie Fanatic will perform during the halftime of the women's game and Semcycle will perform during halftime of the men's game. As part of the college's sesquicentennial celebration, Pepsi will give door prizes to the first 500 people to enter the gym before 1 pm. Fans are encouraged to wear Red or Cardinal.

Sign up for the **1998 Super Career Campaign** in the OCDP. This years theme, *$how YOU The Money*, will present workshops that will help all students in their marketability. The Campaign will begin at 12:45 on Sunday, February 15 in the Center for the Arts. To sign up, come by the OCDP.

A portion of the **NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will** be displayed at Drexel University from January 30 - February 1. The quilt was created by a small group of friends in San Francisco in 1987 as a memorial for those who had died of AIDS. It was also hoped that it would serve as an educational tool to help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. If you would like more information, please contact **Don DeMaria** in Housing and Residence Life, x 3180.

On Monday, February 2, the brothers of **Delta Tau Delta began another semester of Adopt-A-School** at Lehigh Parkway Elementary. Over a period of three semesters, they have invested two hundred eighty seven hours of their time in the school and students and gained the respect and admiration of hundreds of children and teachers. The Adopt-A-School program also boasts one hundred percent brotherhood participation and daily activities throughout the semester.

According to Director of Community Service for DTD Andrew Wogman, "This type of activity is very rewarding," stated Wogman. More often than not, you will find the brothers tutoring students one-on-one, teaching lessons or grading papers. And according to Christian Davidson, "This was started as just another community service project, but has turned out to be much more."

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# Norm MacDonald discusses his idols, friends and *SNL*

## *Comedian reveals slightly more serious side in an after-show interview*

**by Brian Teta**
**Associate Editor**

If you thought Norm MacDonald's performance last Monday night seemed more of a spontaneous conversation than an actual stand-up routine, then you are right on target.

When the *Weekly* interviewed MacDonald after his set he told us, "I change [my act] all the time. I have some jokes, but mostly I just talk and make up stuff." MacDonald wasn't much of a class clown growing up, but only because, "I couldn't afford the big shoes."

He got his start as a television writer for shows that included *Roseanne* and fellow Weekend Update alum Dennis Miller's late night talk show. His first big break as a stand-up comic came eight years ago when he made his debut on *Late Night with David Letterman*.

Traces of Letterman's comic style are evident in MacDonald's deadpan approach to joke-telling, but his true comedic idol will most likely surprise anyone who saw Monday's show. "I always liked Bugs Bunny. But he is much more animated than me."

Besides hosting *Saturday Night Live's* popular "Weekend Update" segment, MacDonald is best known and as he was quick to point out "now only known" for his impersonations. Most celebrities are good-humored about MacDonald's potrayals but sometimes it can make things uncomftorable. "I felt bad about doing Letterman, 'cause he is like my idol, so that one felt weird [when I went on his show].", MacDonald said. When asked about the art of impersonation, MacDonald helpful tips. "You just watch the dude on the TV, then you try and talk like him."

Despite his recent, rather unceromonial removal from the "Weekend Update" anchor chair, MacDonald had mostly good things to say about the *SNL* experience. "It's good, it's like really hard work, because you have a 90 minute show, you have to start writing on Tuesday and then do it on Saturday. It's like crazy scheduling. It's fun because you get to write it and see it on TV four days later."

***Dawn Hanson and the now infamous "Joe" with Norm MacDonald***

Since being "fired" from Update, MacDonald has been replaced by former *Remote Control* star Collin Quinn. MacDonald said he has seen Quinn's version of "Update" and when he was asked to evaluate his performance, MacDonald forced a smile and said, "He's great." When pressed, MacDonald said that he felt that, "Since Dennis [Miller], did it you really need to be a stand-up [to host "Update"]."

Despite the press backlash against NBC for the firing, MacDonald doesn't hold much hope for returning to the "Update" desk. "I don't think they would ever want me back", said MacDonald. However should they ask he would be more than happy to. Or as he put it, "I would have to, I have to do whatever they say they're my bosses."

Even if NBC doesn't come crawling back, MacDonald has a full slate in front of him. He has started work on a comedy sketch album which he calls "much dirtier" than his performance here at Muhlenberg and at least two movies starring Norm will soon be playing at a theater near you.

One of those film's has been already completed and features the late Chris Farley as MacDonald's co-star. When asked about his relationship with Farley, MacDonald said, "He was a really good friend of mine. He was like the sweetest guy.

"He was a guy that always tried to make people laugh, but there was no maliciousness in his humor, .....it was kinda victimless. The great thing about him was that whenever we went somewhere together he would always make people laugh, smart people or dumb people it didn't matter."

A great deal was made in the press about Farley's fixation with former *SNL* star Jim Belushi who met with a tragically similar fate to Farley's own.

MacDonald believes that connection was greatly overblown. "I don't think that had anything to do with it, he just lived life really big, and had a lot of fun but paid for it in the end. But he lived a really great life."

As for his future at *Saturday Night Live* MacDonald said, "I don't know what's going to happen. I like the show, you know, I like working there, so we will see what happens."

If he doesn't come back to *SNL* he is uncertain about whether he will return to television in any form.

"I really don't have any plans for the future except for like, when I'm gonna get my laundry done."

Regardless of how his *SNL* contract or for that matter his laundry plays out, it is safe to say that we have not heard the last of Norm MacDonald.

**General MacArthur, a U2 cover band, performed to what Deb Edmund of MAC called a "fairly good crowd" in the Red Door Cafe last Friday night. Along with doing covers, the band also contributed some of their own original offerings.**

**The Snowball, sponsored by MAC, was held in the Garden Room last Saturday night. The semi-formal dance was attended by about 300 students, who danced and enjoyed "mocktails" if underage. The event was BYOB for students 21 or over.**

# Muhlenberg Students Wang Chung at ATO

## *Acid-washed garb and side ponytails make their comebacks on campus*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

Before Madonna was "vogue"ing and "taking a bow," she was looking for "a place to free her soul."

She, like Muhlenberg students, simply wanted to know, "Where's the party?"

Well if the "material girl" was on Muhlenberg's campus on Saturday night, January 24, she would have been freeing her soul at ATO with hundreds of students who were decked out in their finest 80's attire.

The main floor of the fraternity house was jam-packed with Muhlenbergers who had put aside their Gap jeans and Birkenstocks for the evening, in favor of acid washed denim and high top velcro Reeboks.

In honor of *Flashdance* icon Jennifer Beals, many of the gals were outfitted in off-the-shoulder sweatshirts that exposed a sports bra or tank top. Many of the guys modeled their look after Bruce Springsteen and sported tight white T-shirts, jeans and bandannas.

Students were enthused by the thought of a theme party and about half of the attendees were dressed for the occasion. Side ponytails and charm bracelets were swingin', Pop Rock candy poppin', and slap bracelets slappin' (aren't those illegal?) as students danced to tunes like "Come on Eileen," "We're not Gonna Take It," "Hey Mickey," and "Take on Me." Not all of the music was fast, though. Debbie Gibson's "Lost in Your Eyes" and Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse of the Heart" "slowed things down a bit."

Who were the masterminds behind all of this totally awesome 80's music? Junior ATO brothers Tade Reen, Jimmy Murray and Josh Northridge made two 100 minute mixes of some favorite songs from the rad decade.

Reen used all of the 80's music he had and borrowed the rest from other 80's fanatics.

In making the mixes, Reen "tried to put on thought evoking, memory songs that would make [students] remember what it was like to be Michael J. Fox in *Back to the Future*."

Their efforts were successful. Ask any Muhlenberg student who attended the party and they will most likely have the same reaction as Sophomore Kevin "Doughboy" Averell who described the party as "totally radical."

Northridge's explanation was a little deeper, however. He commented, "It was good that we could come together in celebration of The Rubix Cube, Michael Jackson and Pacman."

Reen, one of ATO's social chair people, attributes the party's success to the fact that it "wasn't just a come over and hang out party." He continued, "It makes it a lot more fun to have a theme party."

Sophomore Marci Kaufman agreed, "Theme parties are always a great time when everyone gets into them especially when people aren't afraid to wear acid-washed jeans."

Everyone may get their wish for more theme parties here at Muhlenberg.

Reen remarked, "ATO is open to any suggestions for other theme parties," and assures the student body that next January, the 'Berg will see another 80's party.

Overall, however, Reen "wants to make ATO a a place where everyone can come and have a good time."

Well, last Saturday night Muhlenberg students were definitely willing to fight for their right to party.

But, for those of you who missed the 90's music, you no doubt will have a chance to "Get Jiggy Wit It" this weekend!

**General Cinema**
**Lehigh Valley Mall**
*Listings for this weekend*

**Great Expectations** (R)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 9:30

**Hard Rain** (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40 10:10

**Amistad** (R)
12:40, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30

**Good Will Hunting** (R)
1:00, 3:50, 7:10, 9:50

**Mousehunt** (PG)
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25 9:40

**Star Kid** (PG)
11:45, 2:10, 4:30

**Titanic** (PG13)
11:00, 3:00, 7:00, 10:50

**Tomorrow Never Dies** (PG13)
7:30, 10:00

**Fallen** (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

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# Consult the Mule.....

## Your *Weekly* Horoscope by Jenna McCallister

### Aries

Well, things have been kind of hectic with you and the rest of the semester is not going to get any easier, trust me. Don't forget that the first reason you are here is to get that diploma and while extracurricular activities are very important, they do not come first. Take advantage of the extra time you have now since you left one of those activities and devote it to your work. Also, you will take a trip soon which will turn out to be extremely stressful but enjoy it for what it is and keep a positive attitude. Besides, it really won't last all that long. Also, try keeping your word once in a while and people may actually start believing what you say.

### Taurus

A lot of people have been annoying you lately and you seem to be letting it all build up inside. It works much better if you let people know how you feel and deal with problems as they arise. If you continue to let things build up, you will find yourself going nuts. Use this last weekend before Valentine's Day to get all the fun times you will need for the rest of the semester. You will be offered a new opportunity for next semester but in order to accept it, you must let something else important go. The sacrifice is definitely worth it because the new opportunity is a better learning experience.

### Gemini

Fighting has become a way of life for you lately and it has begun to take its toll. You need to calm down a little and look at things a little differently. You need to learn how to deal with people better before they do not want to talk to you. On a different note, love has not really been in the air for you. You will be best off if you just stop looking so hard and just let things happen as they are meant to. Someone will attempt to give you gift soon but you do not trust the person's motive. Don't be so quick to think the whole world is out to get you. Maybe this person's motives are truly innocent and they are trying to do something nice for you.

### Cancer

So, things have been a little slow in the love department lately and you are starting to get a little frustrated. Part of the problem is you are continually looking to the past for answers but they're not there - and they never will be. You're a smart person, start looking to the present and your luck will begin to change. For the near future, honesty is the best policy for you. Tell people what is on your mind. It may hurt people then but they will get over it. Also, you will have to start using any means necessary to get certain things you want. Don't expect anything to fall in your lap or come easily, you are really going to have to fight.

### Leo

Seems that you have been trying to play both sides if the fence. It is not very smart to become involved with more than one person at a time - it always leads to disaster. Take some time to think about what you really want and who you want it with. It is also important that you follow your heart and not what everyone is saying. They do not know what is best for you. Most importantly - remember that if you play with fire you will eventually get burned. A conflict between two good friends will get heated and it is important that you not get involved. If you stay neutral you will still have two friends when everything blows over.

### Virgo

Well, you have finally found a new love interest after an incredibly rocky period which almost drove you nuts. Well, you should enjoy the happiness because you have definitely earned it. Play your cards very carefully in the next week and you will get something you truly desire. However, be careful not to step on anyone's toes or make enemies because it would be a big mistake right now. As the semester begins to wind down, wrap up any projects that are still sitting around so you can leave here with a clean slate. One particular situation has you very confused because you are not sure what the right thing to do is. Trust your initial decision and don't keep questioning it because you will just drive yourself nuts.

### Libra

Lately you've been an incredibly bad mood - especially these last few days. Just forget what is bothering you because nothing is going to drastically change any time soon. The only other option is to drive yourself nuts and that will not get you anywhere. This past weekend was fun but this week it is extremely important that you buckle down and really hit the books. You have really hit that do or die point in the semester. Now, it is all up to you and you alone. Since money will be a little tight, you should start looking for those early deal now. Don't wait until the last minute or you may wind up having some problems fitting everyone in your budget.

### Scorpio

Well, you have certainly done a 180 in the past few days. That sparkling personality that you are normally known for is back and people are definitely glad that it is. Keep up this positive attitude and people will come get you. You should also try to avoid any controversy because you really do not have any time for it anyway. A new person will enter your life and attempt to take center stage but others are not so keen on that idea. Use those great powers you have for smoothing over rough situations and everything will turn out fine. You must deal with this situation and everything will turn out fine. You must deal with this situation as soon as it occurs or things could get blown out of proportion and become a large headache.

### Sagittarius

Don't be too quick to judge other people because you may not be right. People are simply not what they always appear to be at first and you should be careful not to misjudge them. Besides, how would you feel if someone did that to you. You seem to have this glow about you lately and everyone is beginning to notice it. Let everyone know the good news you have been keeping inside and let them share it with you and you will be even happier. However, be careful not to seem cocky and get on people's nerves. No one really likes a person who toots their own horn too much. This weekend, take a break from the normal scene and take in a movie or go bowling or something like that. You will enjoy the change of pace very much once you are there.

### Capricorn

So, it seems everything in the relationship area has calmed down and you are returning to normal. That is good because you will not need that stress any more. You have been feeling kind of tired and drained lately but it is just temporary. However, you need to make some of the effort to get yourself back in the swing of things. You have to start eating more healthy and getting a good night's sleep more than once over couple of weeks or so. Use those extra hours in the afternoon or after dinner to sneak in a quick nap - it will help. For the near future, it will be in your best interests to let bygones be bygones because friends are much more valuable than enemies - and you can use all of the support you can get in the upcoming weeks.

### Aquarius

Something you have been working very hard for a long time will finally come through sometime in the upcoming two weeks and you should be very relieved. Everyone knows how hard you have been working and the reward is definitely worth all of the hard work you have put in. In fact, you will get that much more out if it because you worked so hard and waited so long and so patiently. Do not let the others dissuade you from something you really want to do. You need to follow your own head and heart and come to decisions on your own because there will not always be someone there to take care of it for you. Try to start thinking and acting independently for once in your life.

### Pisces

Well, despite a very long and draining week, you have made it almost to the end. Do not go crazy now however or you might find yourself right back in the same boat or you might even be worse. Look forward to a good weekend and having some fun to get your mind off of a lot of things that have been bothering you lately. Things are not as bad as you may think they are in your mind. If you just look at things from all possible angles you will feel much better and actually be very relieved. Just remember, the most important thing for you right now is to view everything from an extremely positive viewpoint because it will help. Also, let people know if you are upset and do not keep it inside. You need to let those around you know what is going on with you if you want people to be understanding and help out. If you do not tell them anything, there is nothing they can do for you.

### If your birthday is this week

Your birthday will provide an excellent opportunity to have some fun - a lot of fun. Just forget everything and let loose - don't worry about it. Make sure to make some time to either talk to or see your family during your birthday celebrations so they do not feel left out. Your birthday will also give your finances a nice boost which they really need when those birthday checks come rolling in. Do not waste that money on ridiculous crap or you will be sorry down the road when money really gets tight. Just think logically and use your brain.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Professor Responds to Physical Education Story

To the Editors:

The lead article in the January 22 Weekly reports that "at present, there have been no formal proposals for change" in the current physical education requirement made. This statement is false.

1.) At the end of the fall term I submitted the following proposal to the faculty Academic Policy Committee:
The Muhlenberg College faculty affirms its commitment to the physical fitness of and the need for athletic activity among the student body. We further recognize the contribution that fitness and competition can make to students' intellectual development. Experience, however, has demonstrated that these benefits can be best achieved when fitness and sports *are completely divorced from students academic programs.*

Consequently, the faculty proposes ending the current physical-education *requirement*, which for many students demands, at most, two half-hour visits to the gym twice a week, during which the activity level *for some students* can involve standing in the right field and swinging a bat six times or a dozen swings of a golf club or the caloric expenditure that volleyball rotation requires. In place of an academic-schedule requirement, we urge the administration to maintain and perhaps extend the current long open hours at the Life Sports Center and to oblige the current staff to be available for fitness training and the supervision of intramural competition. Furthermore academic advisors, student advisors, resident advisors, and the counseling staff will assume the responsibility of inquiring into the fitness and sports interests of students and of encouraging them to avail themselves of available opportunities.

2.) A legitimate concern with the uneven life-skill and academic frame-of-mind preparation levels of entering students need not result, as some have produced, in further burdening and diluting students' academic programs with a required personal development course. Academic advisors, first-year seminar instructors student advisors, and resident advisors can and should, as a routine part of their duties inquire as to their students' information-gathering (computer and library) competences; their appreciation of the need for ongoing career planning throughout their college years; their mastery of time management. Upon noting any deficiencies in these areas, advisors and instructors will refer students in need of assistance to the appropriate department and follow through by contacting that office and asking (repeatedly if necessary) about students' progress in remedying the diagnosed deficiency.

This proposal reflects my personal commitment to sustaining and fostering the faculty's commitment to students' physical and emotional growth, as well as to their intellectual growth, our primary and sole mandatory responsibility.

I hope that future *Weekly* reports on faculty governance will prove more accurate.

Sincerely,
James D. Bloom

***Editor's Note: Upon Conversation with Curtis Dretsch and several members of the Academic Policy Committee, it was determined that no formal proposal was submitted. The Weekly stands by its story.***

## Norm MacDonald Show Offends Student

To the Editor:

During Norm MacDonald's comedy act (I strongly hesitate to use the word comedy), I found myself pondering whether or not I should get up and leave. Finally, about half-way through his act, I did.

I found him to be very condescending and rude—not stimulatingly funny, a sensation I'm sure most of us expected to feel as we dropped our dollar donations at the door of Memorial Hall. $17,000 for a drunken, homophobic, patronizing loser, huh?

I hear homophobic jokes and comments from my peers all of the time. And while most of my role models and elders often encourage me to stop the jokesters and tell them how offensive they are being, I must admit that most of them are funny. I can give *it* just as well as I can take *it*. But thirty-two year old Norm MacDonald is *not* my peer and while the first and maybe second homophobic jokes were tolerable, the latter tenth and eleventh were sickening and hurtful. If MacDonald really wants a detailed account of what happens in my bedroom, it's probably because he's looking for tips to improve his own performance. In my experience, the most homophobic people are those who are most uncomfortable with their own sexuality (and probably gay themselves). Get over it already.

Although his homophobic jokes hit home the strongest, gay people were not the only group that MacDonald offended. He hit doctors, blues singers and women alike. Don't get me wrong—I did find myself laughing at most of his jokes until I finally caught myself and thought: some people just need to grow up! That's when I left.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis J. Alloro
Class of 2000

## Council Emphasizes New Food Improvements

Council Update
by Ayla Tezel

This week Student Council discussed the improvements made in dining services. For example, the new dinner specials in the Garden Room are proving a huge success. Also, the expanded lunch menu in the Red Door seems popular. If you have any questions or concerns about the food here at Muhlenberg contact Lisa Ansorge at x4365. The Athletic Committee will be handing out surveys to find out what kinds of improvements students would like to see in the athletic facilities- so look out for those interested. Also, February 7th is Winterfest! The college has planned a special day from 1-5pm for the girls and boys basketball games. There will be many prizes to win and exciting halftime shows. Bring your friends and enjoy the day! Once again, Student Council meets at 7:00 on the third floor of the Haas Center- come to a meeting and observe your student council at work for you. As always, we welcome your comments or suggestions. Get involved!

## Columnist Fondly Discusses Dog

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

I went home last weekend to see my family and when I walked in the door I noticed something was different. My family was the same, but there was something odd about the dog. I couldn't quite put my finger on it. Then I noticed what was different. (Fade to two days ago...)

My mom saw that the dog had hair hanging in his eyes. It's true because the dog is a mutt and it's the cross between a, well I don't know what, but one of them had long hair. Anyway, my mom thought it would be thoughtful of her to cut away some of the hair hanging in the dog's eyes, so she did. But to her, it just didn't look right, having short hair around the face and longer hair on the rest of his body. So she started shearing that dog. I should tell you that she is using regular old kitchen scissors here, no shaving devices or anything like that.

Well, when she was done it looked like the dog had run into a hedge trimmer. He looked ridiculous. But better than that, the point of the story is this: she felt a little embarrassed, or maybe nervous, to cut away the hair around my dog's private area. (Fade to present day)...

It appeared that we had the most well hung dog in the neighborhood. I volunteered to walk the dog, dammit. This was my dog. My dog was finally being asked on dates. In the shower after gym class my dog was not afraid anymore. He became the most popular dog in all the land. Just think: my dog! Then he was hit by a truck.

## Assistant Editor Explores Love

Another View
by George Saitta
Assistant Opinion Editor

The newspapers offer an insurmountable array of topics this week, many which would make excellent topics to fill the space of my *Weekly* column. However, I am going to take a little deviation from my usual norm. No, I am not going to write about Norm MacDonald's uncivilized bashing of the gay community nor the fact that Bill Clinton equates the act of oral sex with the act of sucking on a Jack & Jill Fudge Popsicle. Rather, the topic of this week's column has to do with one word—LOVE. Yes, love, *not* sex (get your mind out of the gutter), is the chosen topic for my column this week.

How do you know when you *love* someone? What does true *love* feel like? Questions of this nature have been pondered over by the greatest of poets and philosophers for centuries. Even the Bible, considered by many to be one of the oldest and most knowledgeable books in the world, is full of passages related to the meaning behind this concept we call *love*.

The opinions, on what I like to call life's ultimate, mystical experience, "*falling in love*," are endless. Being a guy, who has been madly in *love* with a very special girl for the past 4½ years, I am going to throw at you what I feel is at the ***heart*** of this concept we call *love*.

Conceptually, I believe that *love* exists on many different levels; yet, in its most elementary form love can be broken down into two different stages, when considering its presence within the male-female relationship. First, there is ***premature love*** found within the relationship. This stage can be as short as a couple of weeks or as long as a couple of years. Characteristic of this stage of love is not only a fascination with the other's presence and outer beauty, but two individuals learning more and more about each other every day. Second, there is ***true love***, which takes on a whole new level. The male and female still continue to learn things about each other, but now they have a wealth of knowledge to base a true *intimate* relationship upon. Every gesture, every motion by the other person, somehow is seen in a whole new light. Many times these expressions are hard to put in words—it is what *true* love is all about. As sophmore Jillian Lovejoy said, "True love is elusive, to say the least. That's why, if you can find it, or anything close to it, you shouldn't let it go."

Well, you have heard my view on the meaning behind this concept we call *love*. The only advice I leave you with is that, at times, love can be very confusing, may be even impossible to understand. It can also be the most rewarding thing in life. One thing that is certain: The concept will continue to baffle minds and hearts for centuries to come.

# More Questions Than Answers Plague Clinton Whitehouse

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

President Clinton finally broke the silence. He said in a statement on Monday: "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie, not a single time--never. These allegations are false." It is about time the President responded to these allegations. The American public has a right to hear from their Commander-in-Chief his side of the story.

This allegation from Ms. Lewinsky is just the next in a line of many unethical and questionable allegations against this current President. I was not surprised by the most current allegation; what surprised me was the fact that the public and media didn't seem to dismiss this charge like so many allegations before. Are we getting cynical of this President? Or perhaps we are accepting the fact that he is an ethically challenged person and have grown to accept this as part of his personality?

I know that these charges are simply allegations at this point, but I can't help to think they carry weight. Former Clinton aides such as Leon Panetta are not rushing to his defense, but rather are suggesting that if these charges are true, Clinton should do the country a favor and resign his duties. Panetta and others close to Clinton simply refuse to blindly endorse him and take his denials as gospel. This has not happened in the past. It is truly surprising that former supporters are suddenly changing their tune.

Frankly, I could care less about the sexual life of the sitting President. The allegation that bothers me most is that of encouraging a person to commit perjury. That is disturbing if it comes to fruition. I know the majority of Americans would like to believe the President, but given his past history of spinning stories and avoiding questions with circular answers, this may not happen. It is also alleged that Clinton confessed to having an affair with Gennifer Flowers, a charge that he has vehemently denied in past years. It's getting to the point where I am not sure what to believe from the President. These allegations are not good for the integrity of the Presidency, whether true or false.

In the State of the Union Address on Tuesday, Clinton highlighted policy initiatives for the upcoming year. The usual suspects were present: millions of new jobs for Americans already created, a healthy economy, as well as successful welfare initiatives. Also present were popular (and decidedly Republican) ideas of "replacing welfare checks with payroll checks" and the notion of "smaller government, stronger nation". Clinton's most impressive idea (at least to me) of Clinton's was to improve managed health care. He wants to put more choice in the hands of the patient, a notion many physicians and dentists have been advocating for years. I can't help but wonder if these ideas are falling upon deaf ears. Does anyone believe the President (or any other government official) anymore?

I have a feeling that this "Crisis in the White House" is not going to be ending any time soon. I believe there is substance to at least some of the allegations against the President. This has the potential to be an arduous and unpleasant ordeal for Bill Clinton. Some would argue that it is about time he is forced to own up to his actions.

Should we still believe Bill Clinton provided these allegations prove to be true? Can he be believed about the alleged events that surround the death of Vincent Foster? Does he have the best interests of the country at hand, or does he have a personal agenda that we are not aware of? These are not easy questions, but they need to be answered, especially if the allegations are true.

Sadly, I believe that the State of the Union was much overshadowed by the surrounding controversy and ethical questions that engulf the White House. I hope that the proposed policy initiatives were at least heard by Congress and that they can vote according to the merit of each proposal. It would be a shame if all the ideas that could make a "more perfect union" are ignored simply because we seem to have an ethically challenged (as always-politically correct) President. It seems that we must be willing to separate the personal lives of our leaders from their leadership abilities. As long as the country is healthy, that is all that matters to most Americans. Presidential morality does not. It is a shame, but this might be an indication of what we as a society have become: morally unconscious.

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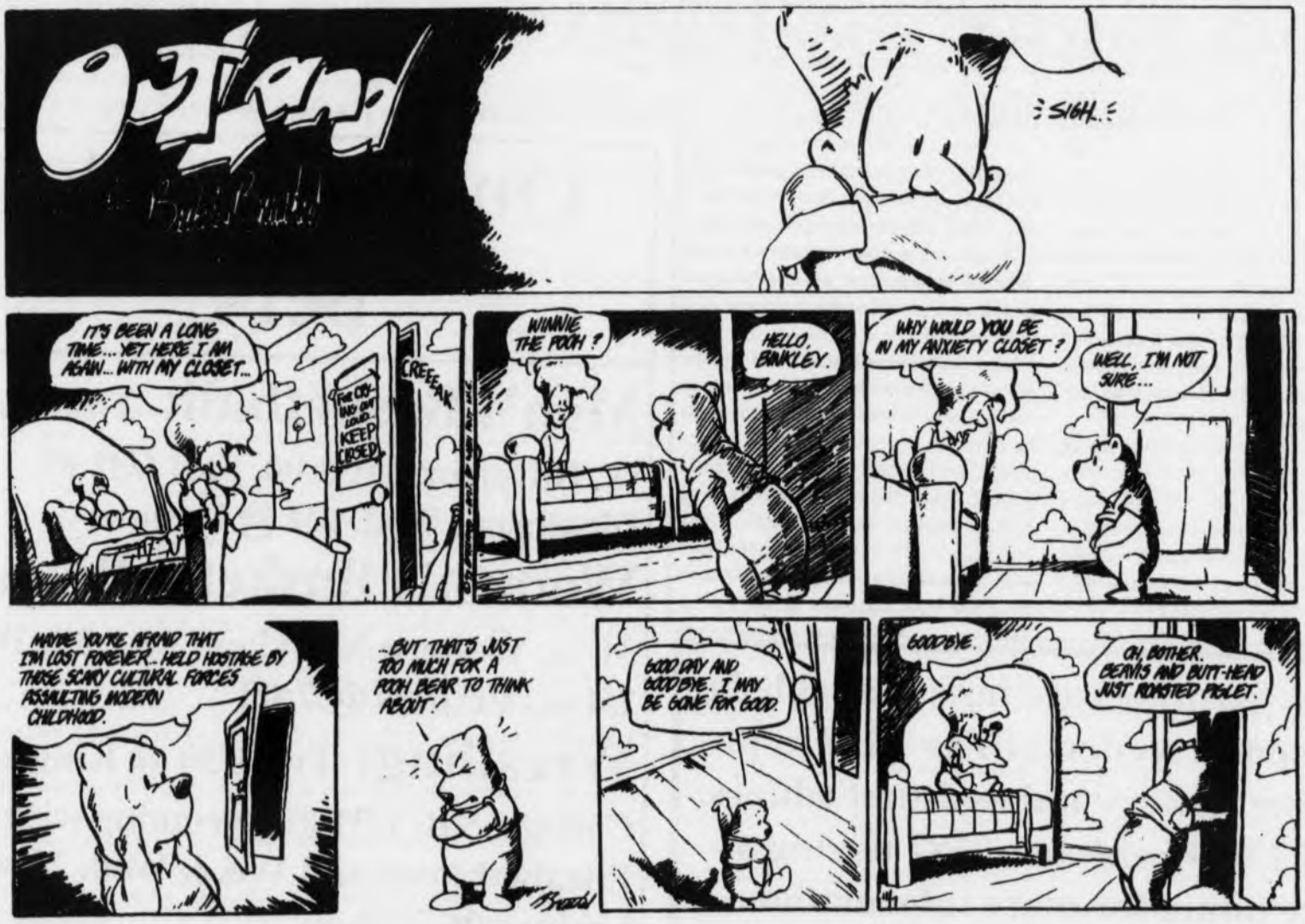
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...BUT THAT'S JUST TOO MUCH FOR A POOH BEAR TO THINK ABOUT!
GOOD DAY AND GOODBYE. I MAY BE GONE FOR GOOD.
GOODBYE.
OH, BOTHER. BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD JUST ROASTED PIGLET.

# Under Siege

***A weekly column examining the problems facing professional sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Casey Martin has a lot in common with Tiger Woods. They're both the same age, they were roommates at Stanford University where they played golf, they both make their livings playing golf professionally, and they've both signed multi-year deals to represent the Nike corporation.

But they're different in many aspects as well. Martin lacks the pure natural ability of Woods, playing on the "minor league" Nike tour, and he lacks the charisma that has made Woods one of the most recognized sports figures in the world. Martin also has Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome.

Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome is a rare debilitating disease that has hindered Martin his entire life.

Born without the vein necessary to move the blood in his right leg back to his heart, Martin suffers severe swelling and pain in his right knee which is worsened with physical activity.

Because of this, Martin uses a golf cart when he plays to limit the distance he has to walk. Even with the cart, Martin is in pain, evidenced in his severe limp as he walks from the cart to the tee or to the green.

But now the executives of the PGA Tour want to take the golf cart away from Martin and force him to walk when he plays golf.

Their reasoning is that no one has ever been allowed to ride a cart, and Martin shouldn't be given any special treatment that may give him an unfair advantage.

Many professional golfers agree with the decision of the tour. They bring up the logical point that at a tournament in extremely hot weather, any golfer able to ride a cart will automatically be at an advantage over any golfer forced to walk.

Casey Martin is challenging the decision of the Tour and is taking them to court. Martin claims that he is being discriminated against, and, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, is asking the courts to grant him the right to ride a cart at Tour events.

The Tour counters Martin's claims by stating that the PGA Tour is a private organization and is therefore legally allowed to place restrictions of any kind on its players.

Martin's case goes before a judge sometime soon. Martin has said that if he loses the case he will not challenge the decision and will cease his professional golf career, as the pain of walking 18 holes of golf would be too much to handle.

To me, this is exactly what's wrong with professional sports today. Here's a young man who, despite a disability that should have him confined to a wheelchair, is showing his determination and strength of character and is pursuing his dreams.

The PGA Tour and the Tour professionals say that giving Martin a cart would be giving him an advantage over the other players. I say that Martin is already at a disadvantage the moment he steps onto the course, and giving him a cart will only slightly even things up.

It's not as if Martin is exploiting his disability in an attempt to gain an advantage. I'm sure that if he were physically able to play golf without a cart, he would gladly remove himself from the media circus his case has generated and go about his business as a normal golfer.

But Martin isn't a normal golfer. He's a legitimately disabled citizen, and as one, he deserves to be accommodated.

As stated above, Martin has recently joined Tiger Woods in representing Nike. Martin will be part of the company's new "I can" promotion.

Everyone knows Martin "can." Let's hope the PGA Tour lets him.

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# Super Bowl finally lives up to its name

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The last time the American Football Conference beat the National Football Conference in the Super Bowl was 1984.

That year the Denver Broncos had a promising young quarterback in his rookie season out of Stanford named John Elway.

Fourteen years later Elway stopped the AFC's losing streak with a win in Super Bowl XXXII over the heavily-favored Green Bay Packers in a game that was, unlike other previous Super Bowls, exciting down to the very end.

The Broncos dominated the Packers at the line of scrimmage for the entire game.

On offense, the undersized but determined offensive line manhandled the much-larger Packers defensive line.

By the end of the game the Packers' famed run-stopping behemoth Gilbert Brown was so worn out that he could barely stand after each play.

The offensive line plowed the way for running back Terrell Davis, who ran his way for 157 yards, the fifth highest in Super Bowl history and earned him the Most Valuable Player award.

The defensive line for the Broncos had their way with the Packers as well. Constantly putting pressure on Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, and containing running back Dorsey Leavens, they set the tone for the game with well-timed blitzes and crucial turnovers.

The lesser known players were the ones who won the game for Denver, but after the game, everyone's hero was John Elway.

Known as one of the "good guys" of not only football but all of professional sports, Elway had shared with the Miami Dolphins' Dan Marino the unenviable title of the best quarterback to never win a Super Bowl.

Now there's no doubt that Elway is among the best quarterbacks of his generation, and of all time. No play better illustrated this than when the Broncos were faced with a crucial third down late in the game.

Elway, with no receiver open, was forced to run the ball himself. Instead of taking the "safe" way out and either running out of bounds or sliding feet first, Elway dove head first into three Packer defenders, picking up the first down and getting spun in mid-air and crashing to the ground for his efforts.

John Elway deserved to win a Super Bowl. Not only to give him a capstone for his marvelous career, but to reward him for fourteen years of being a spokesperson for the National Football League that every young fan who respect and emulate.

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Men's Basketball: Thu. 1/29 vs. Haverford at 8:00, Sat. 1/31 @ Dickinson, Wed. 2/4 @ Ursinus**

**Women's Basketball: Sat. 1/31 vs. Western Maryland @ 1:00, Wed. 2/4 vs. Ursinus @ 7:00**

**Wrestling: Fri. 1/30 @ King's College, Sat. 1/31 @ Lycoming with Elizabethtown and W&J, Wed. 2/4 vs. Ursinus @ 7:30**

# Profile of a Mule: Jason McLean

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent Muhlenberg athletes*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

It has been said that losing is a habit, but it takes hard work and focus to win. While that is true, it can also be said that winners will find a way to win.

Those who haye succeeded at reaching the pinnacle of their respective sport will always remember how to win at whatever challenge they tackle.

Sophomore wrestler Jason McLean is a winner. He is a student who comes from a successful background, thus far laying the backbone for an incredible season.

Jason hails from Plainfield, New Jersey. He has been taking opponents to the mat for eight years. He started his high school career at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School, where he wrestled for three years.

There Jason won the district tournament, and placed in the state tournament. He transferred to Blair Academy for his senior year, and became part of a team that was ranked #1 in the nation.

At Blair, he won the Prep School State Championship in his weight class. Besides wrestling, Jason also played football at both schools, and decided on Muhlenberg because he could play football here, as well as be close to home.

For someone who didn't focus on wrestling until late in his career, he has had a great run so far.

"I did not take wrestling too seriously until my sophomore or junior year in high school," Jason said.

Jason's college career has done a 180 degree turn from one year to the next. Both seasons he has competed at the 126 lb. weight class. His freshman year, Jason ended with an 8-8 record, including a second place finish in the Conference Championships. He also played football that year, unlike this season.

"I didn't have any trouble adjusting to the level of competition. I just wasn't focused as much as I needed to be. This year I am much more focused."

It has paid off with great success. Jason leads the team with an overall record of 20 wins and 5 defeats. He also leads the team with 8 pins, including one in forty-five seconds over his Swarthmore opponent.

Jason also won the championship at a tournament at Kings College earlier this season.

He will probably enter the Conference Championships as a second seed, with a great chance of bringing home the title.

The scary thing is Jason is still getting better. "I am still learning the technical aspects of wrestling; right now I am just a brawler."

Jason is not just a champion wrestler, but a champion person as well. He is a communications major with a minor in philosophy.

He also works all over the campus, as well as being a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Jason put his average freshman season behind him, and has returned to his winning ways this season.

He has proven the idea that winners find a way to win, even if it just means working harder. Good luck Jason, and bring us home a championship this year!!!!!

# Opinion Editor discusses Super Bowl

## *Game, for once, proves more exciting than commercials*

**by Mark Koup**
**Opinion Editor**

What a game. The Super Bowl played on January 25, 1998 was one of the finest I have seen. Along with a fairy-tale ending, two franchise quarterbacks played in the pinnacle of the sport.

Somewhat surprisingly their teammates were the ones who made the game one worth watching. Finally, redemption for the much beleaguered A.F.C. was achieved, and even this hard-core N.F.C. fan enjoyed the game.

John Elway, the quarterback of the Denver Broncos, finally won his ring. The most underrated running back in the entire league overcame a migrane headache to lead his team to victory. Deservedly so, Terrell Davis was named the most valuable player of the game.

He single handedly carried the Broncos on his back and ran them to victory. Davis showed what is lacking in sports today that originally drew many fans to its following- heroic and selfless performances that kids of all ages try to emulate. He is an example for all athletes who sit out multiple games with ingrown toenails. Just when cynicism overcomes most fans, players like Davis restore credibility to sports that almost always represent greed.

For the first time since Scott Norwood missed a field goal that would have given the Buffalo Bills a victory over the New York Giants, the game was in question until the final whistle. How important this redeemer was for a contest that is usually over by the end of the first half. Also, the string of A.F.C futility was ended. The more than a decade mighty N.F.C. was finally dethroned. Elway won the ring he coveted since he was a rookie, more than a decade ago.

I have not heard yet from any fan who was disappointed with Sunday's contest. The game had something for every fan: penalties, great athletic plays, questionable decisions by coaches, and even an almost record long field goal.

All of the pundits predicted a Green Bay blowout. I did not read one columnist that predicted Denver to win by a touchdown. I think Green Bay began to believe the hype, and once they fell behind and started chasing Davis, the outcome was almost a given. The Packers defense was obviously tired and frankly baffled by the way Davis ran almost at will upon the once mighty and notorious run-stuffing defense. Even three time most valuable player Brett Favre was unable to conjure a plan to overcome the damage inflicted by Davis. For one day, Favre approached mortality, probably much to the chagrin of veteran football analyst John Madden.

It was fitting that the game proved to be exciting. Aside from Budweiser ads, the commercials were a disappointment. In previous contests, the commercials were all that were worth watching.

Perhaps the tide has turned, and future games will be as exciting as Sunday's. What a refreshing change it was to be able to enjoy the game and gain some measure of satisfaction from its outcome. It could not have come at a better time.

All fans were looking for was a good game. They got that and so much more. I know that I do not regret wasting time watching the game. I could justify watching four hours of pure sports at its finest.

We can only hope that Elway and company has set a precedent for future games, and that future A.F.C. teams will not just roll over and die.

The Super Bowl was just that. The two best teams in the league played an entertaining and exciting game. Both teams played with effort and intensity that is often lacking in these contests. This was a victory for the underdog, and Denver is now a measuring stick for all teams to compare themselves to.

I bet that John Elway has no regrets about waiting this long for his victory, and I find it appropriate that a man who had bailed his team out of losing situations so many times was carried to victory himself.

Elway's sub par performance was negated by an overwhelming effort by his teammates. They then carried him off the field a winner at last. It could not have happened to a more deserving athlete.

# Mules lose to Johns Hopkins, beat Steven's Tech

## *Sophomores Eric Nothstein and Pat Loftus had career nights against Stevens*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg men's basketball team started the week off on the wrong foot, with a loss on Saturday against Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins by a score of 77-63. But the Mules got back on track Tuesday night with a huge win over non-conference opponent Stevens Tech.

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| Stevens | 66 |
| Muhlenberg | 85 |

The Mules came out gunning, shooting at an impressive 57.7 percentage in the first half.

Muhlenberg jumped out to a 21-7 lead, and didn't look back, never allowing Stevens to cut the lead to single digits.

The final score was 85-66.

The star of the game was sophomore Eric Nothstein, who came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points in only twenty minutes of action.

Junior Jim Doumato also contributed, recording a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds in only 17 minutes of action. Doumato is currently ranked twenty-fifth in the nation with 10.1 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Kenyamo McFarlane tied a career-high in scoring with 14 points. Sophomore Pat Loftus also had a career night, setting personal bests with seven points, seven rebounds, and four assists.

Muhlenberg is currently in second place in the Centennial Conference with an overall record of 6-9. Washington is in first place with a record of 10-6. The Ursinus Bears are right behind the Mules, with a record of 6-10.

The Stevens game was the last non-conference game of the year for the Mules. They now start a crucial stretch of eight conference matchups.

Muhlenberg is trying to make the playoffs for the fifth straight year. The Mules are the only team to make the playoffs in each of the first four years of the Centennial Conference.

*Junior Jim Doumato guards a Swarthmore player in a recent game. Doumato is currently ranked 25th in the nation in rebounds for Division III.*

# Wrestlers doing well in '98 season

**by Tracey M. McGee**
***Weekly* Editor**

The 'Berg wrestlers have come a long way. They have a team of thirteen, almost double the number of members from last year, and many of them have posted impressive standings. After a quadrangle at Johns Hopkins University this past weekend, the squad has a record of 5-6 overall and 2-3 in the Centennial Conference, with only three competitions left before the Centennial Conference Championships on February 14.

The Mules grappled with Albright on January 22, and although many of the contests were impressive, the Mules lost by a score of 27-16. Sophomore Jason McLean won his bout in the 126 lb. division by a decision of 12-5, while junior captain Craig Farris won a major decision, 15-6. Brett Rackoff, Chris Lee, and Lucas Gilbreth also added points by winning a decision.

This past Saturday, the Mules traveled to Johns Hopkins to compete in a quadrangle with Gettysburg, Swarthmore, and JHU. 'Berg dropped their match against Gettysburg 46-6. The only win posted by the Mules in that match was an injury default by Chuck Richard ('00) in the heavyweight division.

The match against Swarthmore was better news for the team, as they pulled off a win, 28-24 thanks to Richard. He pinned his Swat opponent in 2:40 to give 'Berg the edge. McLean and freshman Ryan Hutchins also had pins in that match, with McLean's coming in only 45 seconds. Junior Brian Goldmacher contributed with a major decision, 11-2 against his Swarthmore opponent.

Richard had yet another chance to play hero against Hopkins, but unfortunately his major decision (12-3) was not enough, as the Mules dropped the match 23-22. McLean added to his win streak with another pin in 1:46. Lee also recorded a pin while Rackoff and Goldmacher each won by decision.

The team is on the road this weekend at Kings on Friday and Lycoming on Saturday, where they will face Elizabethtown and Washington & Jefferson. They will return to Memorial Hall on February 4 when they host the Bears of Ursinus before traveling to York to take on Kutztown and Hunter.

# Lady Mules lose to Hopkins

## *'Berg still can't beat #13 Blue Jays*

**by Kate Lederman**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Despite home court advantage, the Lady Mules came up short losing a tough one to their Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins 72-53. Hopkins is nationally ranked 13th in Division III.

The tough loss to Johns Hopkins was not all negative. Once again freshman Jessica Drennan stood out, and made her point on the court. Her strong moves under the hoop created an offense for the Mules that was very strong.

Drennan had 11 points and nine rebounds in the loss. Head Coach Tammy Smith commented, "She has brought a lot of confidence to our offense and our game. She works really hard, and it shows in the games."

Lately the defense is being led by junior Jill Roth. In the Hopkins game, Jill had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

"Jill is doing a great job on defense. Her great defense helps shape our offense," said Coach Smith.

Co-Captain Sarah Clarke finished the game with 12 points.

Last week the Lady Mules played Bryn Mawr College and dominated the Mawrters by a score of 89-32.

Recently freshman Jessica Drennan has made her mark in Centennial Conference play. She has been honored several times over the past few weeks. She was named Centennial Conference player of the week for the week of January 18, and for the second straight week was named ECAC/AmeriSuites Southern Region rookie of the week.

Drennan was also honored with the Mid-Atlantic Region player of the week by Columbus Multimedia. She has been doing a great job by shooting 75% from the field in the last four games.

The Lady Mules basketball team will face Western Maryland on Saturday, January 31 at the Life Sports Center.

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# Campus participates in annual BGLAD! celebration

## *Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days promote understanding of differences*

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* news writer**

In a society where most minorities are faced with various forms of discrimination, homosexuals are just one group burdened by the lack of awareness and acceptance. Ignorance in our present day culture is a dangerous quality which causes many gay, lesbian, and bisexual people to suffer needlessly.

In hopes of changing this problem and creating a more accepting and educated student body, Muhlenberg College Rainbow Space is holding its third annual campus-wide celebration of BGLAD! (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days) from February 3 through 6.

In 1996, Bob Pilleggi, West Campus Residence Coordinator and Hillel Director, Patti Mittleman, first brought this week to Muhlenberg with many aspirations of helping to create a comfortable environment. Pilleggi and Mittleman hoped to bring an accurate portrayal of how men and women of various sexual orientations interact in everyday life, not solely at Muhlenberg.

"Our desire was and is," Mittleman said, "to inform the student body of how gay, lesbian, and bisexual people positively affect our daily lives both on and off campus."

The campus has been filled with many symbols which are representative of BGLAD! Week including *The Wall of Names* in Seegers Union.

"*The Wall of Names* is probably the most effective conversation piece; it hits home to see a familiar name on the wall," said junior Suchi Pandey.

*General Pete sports his denim on Jeans Day*

Other symbols containing much historical significance decorate the walls of this liberal arts school. Lambda, the Greek letter, adopted in 1970 by the Gay Activists Alliance in New York City, is used to represent the gay movement.

The inverted pink triangle is used as a symbol of pride worn by lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. The triangle is in remembrance of the thousands of homosexuals marked with pink triangles for their "crimes" and forced into concentration camps by Nazis during WWII. The pink triangle surrounded by a green circle is often used as a "safe space" symbol welcoming people of different sexual orientations.

The rainbow flag, a six-striped multicolored flag was first designed for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade and the flag continues to represent the pride and diversity of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. The rainbow ribbons are a symbol of support for the freedom and dignity of persons of all sexual orientations.

Rainbow Space has scheduled many activities for the week including speakers, movies, and Jeans Day where students are asked to wear their favorite jeans to support BGLAD! Week.

Senior Melissa Osorio feels that "BGLAD! is a program definitely needed on campus. I think that there are a myriad of events that are offered for students to be educated and it would definitely benefit students to attend."

The Chaplain's Office, the College Lectures Forum Committee, The Center for Ethics, and the Education Department are sponsoring the week's keynote speaker, Kevin Jennings, for BGLAD! Week.

Jennings, best-known for work in the fight

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# Center for Ethics speaker cancels visit for second time

## *Dr. Robert Coles disappoints college again because of personal health problems*

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* news writer**

Not once, but twice this year the Muhlenberg community has been disappointed by the cancellation of guest speaker Dr. Robert Coles to the college.

The Center for Ethics arranged for Robert Coles to give a lecture entitled *Morality and Education* last November, but he canceled and rescheduled the lecture for February.

The first cancellation was especially disappointing because Coles was the only major event the Center for Ethics had planned for the fall semester. The lecture that was to be given by Dr. Coles would have tied into the Center for Ethics theme for 1997-1998, *Educating for Character*.

Coles is a child psychiatrist, a research psychiatrist, and a professor of Psychiatry and Medical Humanities at Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Pulitzer Prize in 1973.

Coles has published more than 1300 articles, reviews and essays in newspapers, magazines, journals and anthologies and authored more than sixty books. In fact, a number of Muhlenberg syllabi included his books in anticipation of his lecture both last semester and this semester.

First year student Perri Magit had been looking forward to hearing the lecture as part of her Western Civilization class.

She said, "His lecture would have really tied in and been beneficial to the topics being discussed in class. He was the only speaker scheduled and our syllabus had to be altered because of his cancellation."

Many other classes as well as faculty and community members were looking forward to his lecture and visit to Muhlenberg as well.

Dr. Christine Sistare, Director of the Center for Ethics and coordinator of Coles' visit, was also very let down by the cancellations.

She claimed, "It took tremendous planning to arrange Robert Coles." After the November cancellation, the rescheduling for February created more planning and more work in getting things printed to promote his visit.

Dr. Coles was very concerned about the arrangement of his visit on both occasions. He wanted to schedule everything into one day. Because of back problems, Dr. Coles wanted to fly here and back on the same day. Both cancellations were given on short notice, and on both instances he said that his back troubles were the reason for not being able to visit Muhlenberg.

Sistare said that "[the cancellation] was a much bigger letdown for us than he realizes."

During his visit, Dr. Coles was scheduled to present a paper as well as have Muhlenberg publish another one of his papers.

While it does not appear as though Dr. Coles will be invited back anytime soon, Dr. Sistare said, " I would like to see if we could still get the paper [to publish]."

The Center for Ethics is now planning to concentrate on the upcoming speakers who include Anna Quindlen and Laurence Thomas. The main focus of the semester, however, is Discourse Day, which is scheduled for February 18.

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# Nationline

Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Tavares, Fla.**—A dozen potential jurors were dismissed Monday in the murder trial of a teenager accused of leading a vampire cult on a killing spree. Rod Ferrell, 17, allegedly began a pursuit of "opening the Gates to Hell" by bludgeoning to death the parents of another cult member. Jury selection began Monday in the case, which involves accusations of animal torture, blood drinking and a corpse bearing occult markings. Only Ferrell is charged with the actual killing, which could bring the death penalty.

**Huntsville, Tex.**—The Texas parole board Monday rejected clemency for condemned killer Karla Faye Tucker. She is scheduled for execution by lethal injection Tuesday. The 38-year-old former teenage prostitute, drug user and rock band groupie received the death penalty for killing two people with a pickax in 1983. If all other appeals are denied, she would become only the second woman put to death in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

**Punxsutawney, Pa.**—On this Groundhog Day, the famous "Punxsutawney Phil" has seen his shadow. Legend has it that means six more weeks of winter. If he hadn't seen his shadow, spring would be right around the corner. But if this forecast leaves you out in the cold, take heart: Phil has seen his shadow 99 times in 111 years. Records from the National Climatic Data Center show his accuracy rate since 1980 is about 59%.

**Cape Canaveral, Fla.**—After four months on Mir, astronaut David Wolf is readjusting to life back on his home planet. The thinner and paler astronaut wobbled and his body felt at times as though it were spinning Sunday. But the 41-year-old doctor is joking about his newly svelte figure and says he isn't surprised at how his body was readjusting to gravity. Would he go back to Mir? "Definitely." But he quickly adds: "Not next month."

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Spurred by national headlines over high-tech custody battles, the American Bar Association is considering its first-ever policy on frozen embryos. Some couples who experience reproductive problems can have the wife's ovarian eggs artificially fertilized with the husband's sperm. But what happens in divorce when the couple cannot agree as to whether one or more of those embryos should be gestated to term? Under the proposal, possession and control of all the frozen embryos would go to the spouse who favors gestation.

**Louisville, Ky.**—Four Marines have been charged in the death of a fellow Marine who fell after being dangled upside down from a third-floor barracks window in Japan. Lance Cpl. Christopher Epley, 22, of Brandenberg, Ky., died Dec. 21 during a party in Okinawa. Military investigators said Epley and eight other Marines had been playing a game called "trust," taking turns holding each other by their feet outside the window. Epley accidentally fell during his turn. Two of the four are charged with involuntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum of 10 years in military prison.

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# Campus Safety Notes

## *Student says "No!" to no-parking sign by Keck house*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

1/27/98 – sick student – Prosser Hall – stomach pain, trouble breathing
1/27/98 – Harassment – M.W. Wood Co. – Seegers Union – employee-on-employee, harassing employee terminated
1/27/98 – Hit and Run car accident – 26th St. parking lot
1/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – Seegers Union – by mail, student-on-student
1/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – Brown Hall – by telephone – student-on-student
1/27/98 – Vandalism to Vehicle – 22nd St. – driver's side mirror damaged (north of Chew St.)
1/28/98 – Assist other Agency – Martin Luther Hall – Sheriff's Dept. brought papers for a lawsuit court hearing
1/28/98 – Criminal Mischief – Keck MILE House – parking sign – removed and jammed in door
1/28/98 – Harassment by Communication – Martin Luther – 12 hang-up calls
1/28/98 – Criminal Mischief – East Hall – to a vehicle on 23rd St. – used a slingshot and ball bearing, smashed window of car driving by – Elan Guglielmo criminally charged and referred to Dean's Office
1/28/98 – Fire Alarm – 2208 Chew St. – type of citrus spray activated detector
1/29/98 – Attempted Entry – 2202 Gordon St. – east exterior door
1/30/98 – Sick Student – East Hall – stomach pain
1/30/98 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Martin Luther Hall – small amount of marijuana - referred to Dean's Office
1/31/98 – Assist other Agency – Noise Complaint – 527 N. 23rd St. – citations issued to Jeffrey Ferraro, Michael Kelly, and Kevin Twomey
1/31/98 – Theft – Center for the Arts – keys and money stolen from a coat
1/31/98 – Fire Alarm – Benfer Hall – toast
1/31/98 – Sick student – SPE
1/31/98 – Vandalism – Walz – extinguisher cabinet
1/31/98 – Fire Alarm – New West – intentionally pulled fire alarm – west end of first floor
1/31/98 – Animal Complaint – New West – snake
1/31/98 – Fire Safety Violation – New West – incense burning
2/2/98 – Fire Alarm – 319-321N. 22nd St. – burnt bone on stove

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# Martin Art Gallery moving into the twenty-first century

## *Online art collection,"Muhlenberg Masterpieces" finds its way onto the World Wide Web*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

Muhlenberg College now has its art-collection on the World Wide Web!

The online exhibition is entitled *Muhlenberg Masterpieces* and features a selection of artwork from the colleges permanent collection.

The idea for Muhlenberg Masterpieces was inspired by several students along with the Director of the Martin Art Gallery Dr. Lori Verderame.

Dr. Verderame is responsible for organizing exhibitions related to the college's art holdings and overseeing the condition of the art collection.

"Like many exciting projects," says Dr. Verderame of the webpage, "the concept of an exhibition featuring the finest works from Muhlenberg's permanent collection, derived out of necessity. The fact is that many of the paintings, sculpture, prints, decorative arts, and crafts on loan or owned by the college are scattered throughout the campus."

This exhibition, therefore, brings together a representative sampling of the college's artwork.

Muhlenberg Masterpieces can be accessed through the official Muhlenberg College website, http://www.muhlenberg.edu. Upon entering, one can view a video introduction to the Masterpieces, watch a video welcome from Dr. Verderame, view the art-collection, enter a Virtual Art World, or even become a "friend of the gallery" by making a cyber donation.

In viewing the art-collection, one can choose from over thirty works of art from the college's permanent collection. Each choice offers a picture as well as a description of the piece. In some cases, an additional audio or video description is also available. By entering the Virtual Art World, the viewer is transported to the entrance of the Muhlenberg College Martin Art Gallery through an interactive art experience. By clicking on the screen, one may travel all throughout the gallery and admire the art-collection as if actually there in the Dorothy and Dexter Baker Center for the Arts.

To experience the audio and video capabilities of Muhlenberg Masterpieces, however, one's computer must have RealPlayer 4.0, which can be downloaded off the internet. According to Dr. Verderame, this exhibition is more than an opportunity to display the college's fine and growing art-collection.

"Muhlenberg Masterpieces demonstrates the successful completion of semesters of dedicated, in-depth study. In the discovery of a first rate art-collection and the impetus for an exhibition and educational model--by our students. From Chagall to Cassatt and Rembrandt to Rockwell, this [exhibition] focuses on the most important, visually stimulating, and favorite works on permanent loan or owned by the college."

Students who contributed to the project include: Ronny Bergman '97, Geoff Cowart '98, Jacquie Haag '97, Pamela Hassay '01, Azi Jafari '98, Rebecca Lohr '97, Gillian Lotz '99, Kati Mann '98, Heather Schomp '97, Ashley Stryker '98.

# T.J. and Joel speak on the impossibility of invincibility

## *Two fraternity brothers to present program, "Friendship in the Age of AIDS"*

**By Chris Remishofsky**
***Weekly* news writer**

"Fraternity men don't get AIDS!"

This is what Joel Goldman, Assistant Executive Director of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, thought until a routine HIV-antibody test revealed that Joel was HIV-positive. Sure, he had mixed sex and alcohol. Sometimes he had been safe, and sometimes he had not.

The face of AIDS belongs to thousands of Americans, but he never thought the face of AIDS would be his own.

Since his diagnosis, Joel has teamed up with T.J. Sullivan, an alcohol and health educator and good friend from his college days and started a speaking project. Perhaps they could get college students to realize that "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" is among our most important contemporary challenges, especially living at college.

Nearly four years later, T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman's "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" has become one of the nation's most successful campus programs. The two have spoken to more than 100,000 students at more than 150 campuses across the U.S. Their program offers Joel's moving personal story, and challenges college students to help one another make tough decisions about alcohol and sex. Joel puts a face on the AIDS issue, reaching beyond statistics to make it relevant to the choices each college student must make.

*Fraternity brothers Joe Goldman and T.J. Sullivan*

RIBBON Project, Student Council, Greek Affairs, RHA, the Counseling Center, Multicultural Life, and many other campus organizations have come together to bring this beneficial program to Muhlenberg.

Lisa Brownstein, former president of RIBBON Project, said, "[Muhlenberg] has been trying for over two years to get T.J. and Joel to campus."

T.J. and Joel will be presenting their program to the Muhlenberg campus on Wednesday, February 11 at 9:00 in the Garden Room.

On February 12, the Allentown Health Bureau will be available in the Health Center to offer free and confidential HIV testing to all Muhlenberg students. "All students should take advantage of this opportunity," Brownstein said. "No one is invincible."

# Delta Tau Delta fraternity soon to be chartered

## *Brothers finishing petition for recognition by national headquarters*

**By Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* news writer**

The students of Delta Tau Delta at Muhlenberg College are planning to get their charter this spring. Since its establishment during the fall of '96, the fraternity has been dedicated to completing its petition and to receiving recognition from its national headquarters.

"Our main goal right now is working on the petition for the charter," said DTD Vice President at Muhlenberg College, junior Jeffrey Brydzinski. "It is basically a mission of what we plan to get accomplished, and our visions of what we want [DTD] to become."

For any fraternity, getting a charter is of great importance. It means that the fraternity has been recognized and accepted by its national headquarters, and will rise from being a "colony," which DTD currently is, to being an actual chartered member.

In order for this to occur, however, the fraternity must first prove itself established through a list of prerequisites. For a DTD colony, these prerequisites include holding a successful "rush" program, proving itself financially stable, and completing a petition, among other things.

The members of DTD have accomplished all of these prerequisites except for the petition, which is expected to be completed by February 24.

According to Brydzinski, the petition is an enormous amount of work.

"It might sound like nothing," he said, "but the petition is about 200 pages. It has all of our bi-laws as a fraternity, files on all the brothers, all of our committees, etc. That is what we basically prepare, and it takes about a year to actually get it produced."

Once the petition is complete, it will be submitted to the fraternity's national headquarters, and DTD at Muhlenberg will most likely receive its charter this spring. This does not necessarily mean, however, that Muhlenberg college will yet fully recognize the DTD fraternity on campus.

Head of Greek Affairs at Muhlenberg College, Brian Mauro, said, "We are working together [with the fraternity] at the moment. The men of DTD have done a tremendous job, and have proven themselves to be extremely motivated and a quality group of individuals. Furthermore, IFC has written a letter of support to the college for the fraternity."

IFC is the Inter-Fraternity Council, and it is the governing body for fraternities on campus.

Currently, DTD is on IFC, but it is not yet a voting member. Since the fraternity is still new and in its early stages, it must further prove itself established before earning the privilege of voting.

DTD is also negotiating to get a residence for the next academic year.

Head of the DTD Housing Committee, David P. Brown, said, "The housing situation for next year looks promising. It seems likely that we will get some sort of special-interest housing."

"It is amazing how the brothers of DTD have come together to make all this happen," said Brydzinski.

"It's been a great businesslike experience for us, and everyone involved has been dedicated to this project for some time. I'm glad to be a part of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity."

# Spotlight on the Muhlenberg Community Service program

## *Student-run office is quickly growing in number of participants and quality of programs*

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant news editor**

"Community service is increasing," says Holly Degnan '99, who works for the community service office. She says interest is up and activities are going better than ever in the past three years.

The office is student-run, with the exception of Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service. She is there as a facilitator, guiding the students but also letting them develop their own ideas for activities and taking charge in the community.

Most volunteering is done with the youth, ranging from elementary to high school students in the Allentown inner city areas. Many education and Spanish majors find these programs particularly rewarding. The Homework Club and the Wednesday Club are programs that interact with students at local schools for two hours a week. The Jefferson-Muhlenberg Partnership has many forms of communication between the two schools, including tutoring, arts and crafts, pen pals, monthly visits, and special events throughout the year. Casa Guadalupe is another tutoring program focusing on the Hispanic population of Allentown students. VISTA is a program that works with at-risk middle and high school students. A Muhlenberg student, with just one hour a week, can become a role-model and change the life of one of these students.

One growing program is America Reads, a reading program with students from kindergarten through third grade. It requires a training period of a few hours, and offers college students the opportunity to have a direct impact on the progress of a student's reading.

Working with the homeless adults of Allentown can be another rewarding experience. Last semester the office held a Healthwatch, funded by a grant and the help of students on the Hahnemann program. Healthwatch promoted disease prevention, watching one's health, as well as offered free blood pressure tests. Degnan said that because it was done with a grant, it may be a onetime program although she would like to see it as annual.

Daybreak, the soup kitchen in Allentown, needs cooks and servers. It is a great way to interact directly with the homeless and talk to them. Degnan said that this is a great hall activity or group organization activity to help the community. Habitat for Humanity is another program that helps build homes with and for the homeless.

Other needful populations are being targeted as well. AIDS Outreach allows both direct and indirect methods for helping individuals with HIV and AIDS.

Best Buddies, another growing program, pairs students with developmentally disabled adults who meet twice a month.

There is also Adopt-A-Grandparent, which pairs students with residents at the Luther Crest Retirement Home to play weekly games and just talk.

And what about the animals? Yes, Fidos and Felines allows students to help a Muhlenberg alumnus care for stray cats and dogs.

Onetime events are also equally rewarding and helpful. Pinebrook Foster Children Holiday Party, blood drives, Luther Crest parties, and the Lehigh County Beautification Project are all events that require a shorter commitment but equally appreciated by the community.

Why get involved with community service?

Degnan says that the whole country is starting to think about the less fortunate and is "moving towards community service; it's growing in general, not just here."

If you are interested in any of the above programs, have new ideas or general questions, please contact Valerie Lane or the students at the Community Service office at extension 3158.

# Award-winning career campaign returns

**by Stephanie Zanders**
***WeeRly* news writer**

*Show You the Money* is the theme of this year's sequel to the Super Career Campaign, taking place February 15, 1998 from 12:45 until 5:00 pm.

Last year's campaign, entitled *Oh The Places You'll Go,* turned out to be a huge success and was honored with two first place awards for Best Practices with an Innovative Program.

Julie Ambrose, Associate Director of the Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP), showcased this success at the Regional Mid-Atlantic Association of Colleges and Employers (MAACE) Spring Conference in Bryn Mawr, PA last spring.

Ambrose will also be presenting the Super Career Campaign at the 1998 National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) national meeting in Dallas, Texas later on in the semester.

"It is a great honor for our office and Muhlenberg College to be acknowledged as having a Best Practice," said Ambrose.

The Super Career Campaign is a one-day conference, held in the Dorothy and Dexter Baker Center for the Arts at Muhlenberg College, devoted to career issues and increasing the marketability of students. "We want to ensure that students have exposure to the skills employers look for when hiring in various fields," explained Ambrose. "Our goal is to create confidence-building exposure to the skills presented."

"The Super Career Campaign provides students with an opportunity to better understand their chosen career field as well as acquire insightful information in specific areas," said Beth Rowley '99.

Students attend a keynote talk by President Arthur Taylor, who originally initiated this campaign for the class of 1993. President Taylor's speech is followed by a variety of concurrent workshops. Workshops and guest speakers give students a hands-on opportunity to work on skills needed to gain employment in their fields.

"In attending the workshops, I was able to get a sense of what a career in law would consist of, and also learn essential tips for survival in the 'real world,'" Rowley explained.

To conclude the day's events, there will be a reception, including a professional dress fashion show, food in spirit of this year's theme, and career-related handouts compliment of OCDP. Of course, the reception will be a good time to network with alumni, administration, and other friends of the college.

Fortunately, students have an opportunity to once again participate in the Super Career Campaign. Given it's track record, the Campaign should be a huge success, so reservations are required. Look in your mailboxes for more information about this award-winning event.

# Around Campus

## *Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

**BGLAD! Week** is not yet over. Today, February 5, our keynote speaker, Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network) will be on campus. He will address the Education Department students and faculty at 3:00 pm in the CA Recital Hall. He will also address the entire community at 7:00 pm that night in Trumbower 130 on *The American Dream.* Don't miss this dynamic and powerful speaker. A coffeehouse in the Hoffman House will follow his presentation. E-mail rainbow@hal for more information.

The great halftime shows will highlight **Winterfest '98**, Saturday February 7 at 1 pm. The Phillie Fanatic will perform during the halftime of the women's game and Semcycle will perform during halftime of the men's game. As part of the college's sesquicentennial celebration, Pepsi will give door prizes to the first 500 people to enter the gym before 1 pm. Fans are encouraged to wear Red or Cardinal.

Sign up for the **1998 Super Career Campaign** in the OCDP. This years theme, *$how YOU The Money*, will present workshops that will help all students in their marketability. The Campaign will begin at 12:45 pm on Sunday, February 15 in the Center for the Arts. For a brochure or to sign up, come by the OCDP. (See article on page 4)

**OCDP** will present the second speaker in its **1998 Spring Speaker Series, Dr. Wightman**. On Monday, February 9 he will present a session entitled *I've Decided I Don't Want to Go to Medical School: Now What Do I Do?* in Seegers 110. Please sign up in OCDP.

**RHA** will be hosting an open-mic night at the Red Door Café from 7-9 pm on Friday, February 6.

**Muses Poetry Reading** will be held on February 12 from 8:30-10:00 pm in the ML Underground. ANYTHING GOES! From the spoken word to the song lyric; ballad, free verse, rhymed and unrhymed; dance, music, prose; your own work or your favorite author; come show us your talent! Questions, call Matt at x4212 or Sharon at 821-4951.

**Muses** is now taking submissions. Deadline is February 26. Check out our posters for more information or call Matt at x4212 or Sharon at 821-4951.

During the week of January 26-February 1, **Delta Zeta** sisters played the roles of sponsors in *Buck a Book* fund-raiser. This community-oriented program raised money for the *Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley*. **Congratulations to DZ Sisters for their participation. It was a great success!**

The Admissions Staff is looking for interesting people to work with. For more information, please attend the **Campus Delegate** training meeting on February 10 at 3:30 pm in Trumbower 130. Campus Delegates host perspective students during their visit at Muhlenberg. This program is open to all full-time Muhlenberg students. Questions? Call Joe Young at x4266.

**Le Cercle Français** will be attending the film, *Beaumarchais* at the 19th Street Theater on Thursday, February 5 at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in seeing the film can meet in front of Ettinger by 7:10 pm. Also, this Sunday the club will be in New York City to see Camus' play, *Le Malentendu*, at the Ubu Repertory Theater.

**RIBBON Project, Greek Affairs, Student Council, Multicultural Life, RHA, the Counseling Center, and many other student organizations** are sponsoring a *Friendship in the Age of AIDS* program on Wednesday, February 11 at 9:00 pm in the Garden Room. (See article on page 3)

***Send submissions for***
**On Campus** ***to Amy Kern at Box 1739***

# Eating disorders prove to be a problem

## *Dr. Linda Bips discusses issue on campus*

by Noelle Donnelly
*Weekly* news writer

Do you have bad eating habits? Do you know someone who does? The vast majority of females on the Muhlenberg campus are believed to have some type of bad daily nutritional habits.

The Muhlenberg College Counseling Center agrees that eating disorders are a problem on our campus.

For this reason, the center is sponsoring the third annual *Eating Disorders Awareness Day* on Monday, March 23. This is an effort to educate and provide help for students concerned about eating disorders.

*Dr. Linda Bips, Counseling Center Director* (Photo Courtsey of *Weekly* file)

Throughout the day an informational display will be up in Seegers Union on eating disorders, healthy body image, and nutrition. At 9 a.m. Jane Zigler, a registered dietitian from the nutritional center at Cedar Crest College, will give a presentation on the female athlete triad.

Following the presentation, Zigler will be available for confidential nutritional consultations. Advanced sign-ups are necessary.

Finally, at 8 p.m. in the Garden Room there will be a panel discussion featuring eating disorder experts and Muhlenberg College women who have been affected by eating disorders.

"I attended the panel presentation last year," said junior Jenny-Lynn Knotek, "and was surprised to find my first-year Resident Advisor sitting on the panel. It really hit home that someone that close to me had a disorder that I was unaware of."

In this month's edition of *Mademoiselle*, Linda Bips, Director of the Counseling Center, is quoted in an advice column on bulimia.

Bips is happy to offer advice to students who might suspect that they, or their friends, have an eating disorder.

Bips said, "If any student would like to have a nutritional assessment, he or she should contact the campus Counseling Center for a confidential, nutritional consultation." If the student would rather not talk to someone on campus, the counseling center will refer him or her to local professionals in the Lehigh Valley.

If you suspect a friend, avoid labeling! "Avoid putting labels on people, or trying to diagnosis specific diseases," Bips said. Instead, she advises to focus on specific behaviors of the person in trouble and the consequences that could result.

"Even the Counseling Center does not diagnose specific eating disorders," stated Bips.

So, if you are going to approach a friend, do not accuse; say you are concerned and cite exactly what about his or her behavior concerns you. Make sure you present factual information in a caring way. Hopefully you will get through to your friend, but remember you cannot help someone who does not want to be helped.

Bips cautions that "most people who have eating disorders are in denial—just be aware that the problem does exist on our campus and students should simply try to maintain a healthy lifestyle." Students are encouraged to visit the Counseling center with individual concerns.

# BGLAD! Week supports differences on campus

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for equality for gay and lesbian youth, will be speaking to students and faculty on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 7:00 pm in the Trumbower Lecture Hall.

In 1990, Jennings founded GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network), a national organization which brings together gay and straight teachers, parents, and community members to end anti-gay bias.

GLSEN is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. with chapters in over 60 cities.

The BGLAD! Film Festival includes popular movies expressing the struggle of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual population, including *Home For The Holidays*, (Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 in the Red Door) *The Sum of Us* (Tuesday at 7:30 and Saturday at 6:00), and *Chasing Amy* (Tuesday and Friday at 5:00).

These films help portray the increase of homosexual issues in modern society as they address the problems in comedic and profound ways.

Muhlenberg is a small liberal arts college, and therefore it should be accepting of various forms of sexual orientation. Understanding the differences of people in the community and the struggles each person has to overcome with these differences is the main objective of BGLAD!

Hopefully after the immense efforts of this week, the campus will be brought together in reaching an understanding that life is about differences and we should learn to accept and appreciate instead of ignore and ridicule.

# WeIrD nEwS

**San Jose, Calif.**—A motorist pulled over for a car pool lane violation tried to back over the trooper who stopped him, then chased the motorcycle officer on a freeway at speeds up to 100 mph. The fleeing California Highway Patrol trooper was forced to weave in and out of traffic on busy Highway 17 to evade the driver, who eventually crashed into a guard rail and suffered minor injuries. Adrien Ray Diven was being held on suspicion of attempted murder of a police officer, assault with a deadly weapon (his car) against an officer, and evading arrest. He had no prior driving citations and there was no indication of drugs or alcohol. "We don't know what he was thinking. He won't talk to us," a patrol spokesman said.

**Northbridge, Mass.**—Police said a former Dunkin' Donuts employee was arrested and charged with armed robbery and assault. Two masked men brandishing a tire iron and a hatchet broke into the shop around 1 am, striking an employee. Police said Alberto J. Vazquez, 18, admitted taking part in the robbery after they followed a trail of coins and footprints to his apartment building, two doors down from the shop. Police said they found more that $1,400 in cash, two ski masks, a tire iron and a hatchet. The injured employee also told police he recognized Vazquez's voice, especially after the other man called him "A.J.," his nickname. Police said they expected to arrest the second man.

**Albany, N.Y.**—Police said Charles Collins III parked a pickup truck outside the state's highest court and hosed down the columned building with liquefied chicken manure. Firemen hosed off the building and the area was sprayed with disinfectant, said Paul Browne, a spokesman for the Court of Appeals. But it was evident more cleanup work was needed. "It smells like a Hong Kong chicken farm in July, not a court in winter," he said. Collins said he wanted to get arrested to publicize what he calls rampant corruption in the courts. He is charged with second-degree criminal mischief, a felony that carries punishment of up to seven years in prison.

**Kalamazoo, Mich.**—Dennis and Colleen Ocker have sued M&M-Mars Inc., claiming the candy giant defaulted on the $1 million prize in its "impostor gray M&M" contest. The Ockers came across the discolored candy March 11, according to the lawsuit. And now they want their money. The contest rules read: "If you find gray M&M Chocolate Candies in your bag and the game piece inside reads 'Instant Winner,' you may have won $1,000,000." M&M-Mars said the contest requires finding not just the M&M but the game piece. The Ockers claim M&M-Mars was negligent in not including the game piece with the bag of candy. They are keeping their piece of candy in a safety deposit box. D'Amato said M&M has awarded two $1 million contest prizes.

**Atlanta, Ga.**—Sparks flew between Ivan the gorilla and his gal pal Kinyani at Zoo Atlanta as the two had their first mating experience. When Ivan made his mating call (a high-pitch grumbling sound) Kinyani took it as a cue to make her move. "He didn't push her away or anything, zoo keeper Laura Mayo said. Ivan came to Atlanta in October 1994 after living most of his 35 years in isolation at a Tacoma, Wash., shopping mall. But love didn't come easy for the lowland gorilla-it has taken him three years to get the hang of it. His first hands-on experience was a bust: Mollie and Kuchi chased the inexperienced Ivan around the room.

**Arnaudville, La.**—Joseph Reed, 24, pulled out a metal cooking thermometer and stabbed an officer who was trying to search him for drugs, police chief Michael Duplechain said. The blow knocked Lt. Vincent Pizzalato down, but the thermometer bent on his bulletproof vest. "That's why we wear those things, you know," Duplechain said. Reed was charged with attempted murder.

# Campus Discourse Day
# Wednesday, February 18, 1998

## Discussion Topics

# 1 FROM THE OUTSIDE IN.
Notice how everybody knows how you should be (parents, friends, teachers)? How can you develop character on your own with all that advice & pressure (& rules, rules, rules)? Shouldn't you make your own choices about values? If you try to fit in or get along, whose values are you choosing? How can you deal with the outside and be yourself?

#2 FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE?
Is the pursuit of knowledge always good? Are there some things we shouldn't know or try to find out? Are some methods of teaching & learning incompatible with character? How do we know what's not good to know without knowing it to begin with? Was Eve's bite of apple the end of Paradise or the start of human education?

#3 SO, WHAT IS 'GOOD CHARACTER'?
Is it having these views & not those? Is just 'wanting to be a good person'? Can we agree about what it is? How do you know if you've got it? Are all kinds of good character alike, or could different people have 'it' in different ways? Do people of good character ever do anything wrong?

#4 THE LIBERAL ARTS & CHARACTER.
Is there anything special about liberal arts education as education for character? Can the study of literature, arts, languages, social sciences, etc. promote moral education? Can liberal arts prepare us for 'real life' as moral persons?

#5 TEACHING WITHOUT VALUES?
Does good character require passionate commitments? Does good teaching? Can character develop where all values are treated as equal? Does that ever really happen in the classroom, or do teachers just fake impartiality? Should they reveal their views to students? And, can a teacher both be fair & have strong positions?

#6 CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT & SPORTS.
Do sports develop special virtues, or vices, in players? Do team sports encourage one kind of character & individual sports another? Why is competitive spirit a good thing? Does playing sports "make a man of a boy"? What about the girls? Are Dennis Rodman & Bill Parcells anyone's idea of good people?

#7 WILL I GET CREDIT FOR THIS?
Do extra-curriculars build character, or just resumes? How do volunteerism, religious involvement, political activism & other outside-the-classroom endeavors help us learn & teach about living morally good lives? Why is being an altruist good, but being a 'joiner' not so good? What about paid work?

#8 SCIENCE & CHARACTER EDUCATION.
Are the sciences bastions of detached Reason, indifferent to concerns about character and values? Do we learn about values in the lab or in math class? Can studying the sciences build character? If so, what kinds? What should be the relation of the sciences to moral education?

#9 CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT & SPIRITUALITY.
What's the relation of spirituality and/or religious faith to character? Is morality without spirituality barren, or even impossible? Can a religiously-based morality be tolerant of other perspectives? Do different traditions develop different kinds of character?

#10 NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP & MORAL EDUCATION
Are there aspects of moral education that prepare - or don't - for citizenship is a liberal, pluralistic democracy? Does the idea of moral education conflict with liberal values such as freedom of expression & tolerance of diversity? To what extent does citizenship in a democracy require us to have liberal values?

#11 INTERNATIONAL CITIZENSHIP & MORAL EDUCATION
As our world becomes 'smaller' & our actions increasingly have global economic, political, & environmental effects, should educating for character address international concerns? Should it include attention to issues such as human rights, ecological damage & poverty injustice around the world?

#12 BUSINESS EDUCATION & MORAL EDUCATION
How does educating people to make money fit in with educating them for character? Can classes in "business ethics" help people to choose right conduct in their careers? If business ed. isn't compatible with character development, why should it be taught?

#13 GENERATION NEXT?
Are today's college students so passionless & cynical they can't develop character? Can they even commit to the critical inquiry & intellectual growth that character growth requires? Do they really want 'education lite' - to live 'lite lives'? Or, are they secretly committed, intellectually alive, & concerned? Are they developing new conceptions of 'good character' for their own future?

# Groundhog Day proves to be a fur raising good time

## *Partying until dawn in Punxsutawney PA with Phil the groundhog*

**by Brian Teta**
**Associate Editor**

Last Monday was Groundhog Day and Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania hosted the 112th annual Groundhog Festival.

For those who don't know, Punxsutawney is the home of Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous groundhog weatherman.

According to an old Native American legend, if the groundhog emerges on February 2nd and sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner.

The Punxsutawney festival was made famous when it was featured in the Bill Murray movie *Groundhog Day* just six years ago.

*The Weekly* attended this year's festivities and found a celebration both similar and quite different from the one portrayed in the film.

"The tiny hamlet in Western Pennsylvania" itself seems remarkably similar to its Hollywood counterpart.

The colorful locals wholeheartedly embrace the holiday, decorating their houses and businesses with groundhog paraphernalia.

Shopkeepers sell souvenirs ranging from groundhog coloring books to groundhog shot glasses and restaurants stay open 24 hours on "Groundhog Eve."

While the movie version of the festival itself featured a crowd of mainly middle-aged locals doing the "Pennsylvania Polka", the reality was closer to a rock concert than a night at the bingo parlor.

Twenty thousand revelers poured into Gobbler's Knob, the hill in Punxsutawney that Phil calls home.

Contrary to what one might believe, this event was not catered merely to middle-aged and older residents of Punxsutawney.

It was actually more reminiscent of a combination of Woodstock and New Years Eve in Times Square.

In fact, the crowd consisted mainly of college students from neighboring schools Penn State and IUP.

Many in this raucous crowd partied the entire night, drinking, lighting bonfires, and in some cases removing clothing--not exactly what one would expect.

The actual party began at 4:00 A.M. with 70's and 80's dance music entertaining the crowd and a member of the distinguished Inner Circle of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club serving as M.C.

Highlights of the festival included on-stage dancers performing skits for the "Grease Megamix", and the "Copacabana" as well as what may possibly have been the world's largest Conga line for "Hot, Hot, Hot."

At 6:00 A.M. the crowd was treated to a truly impressive fireworks display and at 7:20 Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his hideaway.

The actual ceremony was extremely similar to the film's portrayal.

After chatting with members of the Inner Circle in "Groundhog-ese" Phil proclaimed that he did in fact see his shadow and that the hemisphere was in for six more weeks of winter.

However even this grim pronouncement could not put a damper on the crowd's enthusiasm.

As one college student, who traveled from California for the holiday put it, "I can think of a lot worse things than living this day over and over again."

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# Kurt proves that one need not offend to be funny

## *Comedian Elvira Kurt brings laughter to The Red Door Cafe*

**by Jess Bodling**
**Entertainment Writer**

This past Friday, January 30, MAC-sponsored comedienne Elvira Kurt performed to an enthusiastic crowd of students at the Red Door Cafe.

Kurt, who has been seen on Comedy Central showed students a variety of comedy very different from that of Norm MacDonald, who visited campus earlier last week.

Ms. Kurt's style was well-received by everyone present. Her topics ranged from college to childhood to her family.

"Her growing up stories were the best part of the routine," commented Ainsley Lamberton. "My friends and I could all relate exactly to what she was talking about."

She also made jokes about the Midwest, where she just finished a series of shows. Even Midwesterners found these jokes funny.

One of the parts students responded best to was her comments on the freedom of childhood.

Kurt speculated that when you are a child, nobody is surprised when you cause a scene in public.

In fact, it's sort of your job. If you don't want to do something, you can repeatedly scream "No!" at the top of your lungs.

Wouldn't it be nice to have that behavior back again? When your teacher tells you to open your books, wouldn't it be nice to stand and start yelling "No!"

Another thing about Kurt's performance that stuck in most people's minds was that she came out as a lesbian about two-thirds of the way through the show.

She worked it into her routine very smoothly, commenting on some of the silly clothes parents make their children wear. She then said that when she came out to her parents, as an adult, she jokingly pointed to the clothes as the cause.

Her jokes for the remainder of the show were about how audiences receive her after they know she is gay, how her parents took the news, and gay life in general.

Overall, Kurt's performance was entertaining. Sophomore Lisa Wojtowicz could not contain her excitement and gushed "She was awesome! We loved her!"

# *Fallen* rises above other movies in its genre

**by Katie Metcalfe**
**Entertainment Writer**

Previous to seeing *Fallen*, I had heard that it was creepy.

As a matter of fact, I was prepared to have nightmares for the next week.

In the beginning of *Fallen*, John Hobbes, portrayed by Denzel Washington, is running in front of a cabin in the forest. The time frame then switches to a flashback.

Hobbes is a detective for the Philadelphia police and he has captured one of the most evil serial killers of that time. The killer, Edgar Reese, is about to be executed, but insists on seeing Hobbes. In the jail cell, Reese insists on shaking Hobbes' hand and then proceeds to speak in a language not recognizable, and then sings a song.

Later, people whom Hobbes knows personally, as well as people he sees on the street, start singing the same song to him, and tell him that he is cursed by the fallen angel Azazel, whose spirit can be transmitted by touch into each body he encounters, even animal bodies.

For all of those who do not like demon movies, I wouldn't recommend it. I usually do not like them because they freak me out (I had a terrible time watching the *Exorcist*). *Fallen*, though, is nothing like that.

We learn that the soul is actually a fallen angel that was cast down by God. The angel or demon (however you'd like to term it) is acting out its vengeance. The demons do not have bodies and seek human hosts to act out their intentions. They want the fall of civilization or "Babylon," as they phrase it. They kill humans one at a time, and since they do not die naturally, time is on their side for the destruction of humanity.

The demon in the film, Azazel, is the evil spirit of the wilderness according to Hebrew mythology. Azazel becomes obsessed with trying to get inside of Hobbes.

This is why he shook his hand at the execution, but Hobbes was strong enough not to let him inside. If the host is killed, though, the demon goes into spirit form and no one can resist him.

The end of the film leaves you with the feeling that David Lynch gives you at the end of "Twin Peaks" (for any Lynch fans out there).

Denzel Washington plays the role tremendously as well as his costars John Goodman and Donald Sutherland who are his partner and police lieutenant respectively. The cinematography in the film was also superb.

As I left the theater, I thought about the amount of strangers I come into contact with each day. This movie will make you think twice about the people you see on the street and even your friends and family. Just remember that "what goes around really goes around."


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# Rap industry celebrates and mourns an eventful 1997 from the demise of Biggie Smalls to the rise of Puffy Combs

**by Christopher Dino**
**Entertainment Writer**

This year proved to be a veryexciting,albeitan emotional year for the rap industry.

It could be best summed up as a year in which hip-hop fans saw the creation of a new era and the re emergence of the old generation co-existing to make todays music.

The year kicked off with an unofficial peace treaty between East Coast style rap and West Coast style rap.

The senseless murder of rapper Tupac Shakur in late 1996 was believed to be related to this rivalry for supremacy in the rap industry.

Representatives from each side talked things over on peaceful terms hoping that people affiliated with hip-hop could let their counterparts make their own music, despite any differences.

This treaty also represented the East Coasts new lead over West Coast to the fans and critics.

West Coast style had been the main appeal to most hip-hop fans since the early 90s.

But East Coast style, starting in 1995, slowly gained the recognition needed to get what was once theirs, a stronghold on rap music.

On a sad note, in March, one of hip-hops most favorite and influential artists was murdered.

Christopher Wallace, better known as the Notorious B.I.G., was gunned down in Los Angeles.

It is not known to this day who committed the shooting, or whether the shooting had something to do with the bad blood he had with the late Tupac Shakur.

One thing is known though, the rap industry lost a great performer and a major success story.

Wallace went from a drug dealer in the streets of Brooklyn to a self- made millionaire. But his name remains important in hip-hop.

Two weeks after his death, his second album, ironically titled Life After Death hit the stores.

Many fans and critics regard the album as one of the best rap albums ever put together.

Wallace's good friend, CEO of Bad Boy entertainment and producer of both his platinum albums, Sean Puff Daddy Combs got a lot of publicity after this terrible incident.

Puff Daddy decided to enter the spotlight and become a performer, as well as continue working as a super producer.

Taking words and beats from songs of the past, he combines them with a new flow to make hit songs and radio friendly music.

His album **No Way Out** was a major success in record stores.

Puff Daddy quickly became the most popular artist among mainstream hip-hop fans and Bad Boy Entertainment became a household name.

New artists such as Mase, The Lox,and Black Rob, thrived on this new style of rap produced by Puff Daddy.

But as coastal rivalry ended, a new rivalry in rap came about. True hip-hop fans, and performers spoke out, bashing Puff Daddy and his rap Family's style.

Commercial rap, as it's called, is a form of hip-hop produced only to make money, not made for the love of the art.

Many hip-hop artist thought this style broke a golden rule of rap by doing this.

They also believed this style broke another golden rule of rap-- biting. Puff Daddy commonly bites of other performers songs.

To try to make great, original music nine MCs from Staten Island put down their solo projects and once again formed the group known as Wu-Tang Clan.

They released their second album, titled **Wu-Tang Forever** which finally came out after almost a year of delay.

This gained a lot of flack from the critics, because it was not as great as their legendary first album which is considered one of the greatest rap albums of all-time.

But like the first album, **Wu-Tang Forever** flew over the heads of many fans and critics initially.

It took their first album over a year to catch on and be understood by the hip-hop community.

The Clan believes it will be the same for their newest addition. Longtime fans already regard it as great. One day perhaps, so will the rest of the industry.

In late autumn, rap fans got a surprise of a lifetime.

The man known as the God of Rap returned after a five year hiatus.

Rakim, who is considered by many as the greatest MC of all-time, dropped an album without help from his ex-partner Eric B., titled **The 18th Letter**.

His albums were known for influencing the people who listened.

This new album is no different from the rest.

Rakim, the wow-styled fashionist, brought the old school back to the new school this year.

His trademark flow and his powerful lyrics won the hearts of many once again.

He has returned when the rap industry needed him most- - when people are looking to discover what true hip-hop is.

He is the father of rap, without a doubt.

As Rakim came back, two other old school mcs came back as well

Erick Sermon and Parrish Smith but aside their differences and once again formed the dynamic duo known as EPMD.

They dropped their first album together in five years, titled **Back In Business**. They picked up right where they left off.

This event wrapped up a great year in rap, which saw many things.

Death, new life, old acquaintances, and most importantly great music, grabbed a hold of the industry that is slowly moving to the top.

**Author's Picks For The Top Ten Rap Albums Of 1997:**

**1. Wu-Tang Forever, Wu-Tang Clan**- Staten Islands finest has done it again, this time they have done it forever. This album bashes commercial rap and glorifies their dominance in the industry.

**2. Life After Death, Notorious B.I.G.**- True hip-hop fans know this album is not as great as his first, but it is still a terrific album by the late Christopher Wallace.

**3. The 18th Letter, Rakim**- The Rap God does it again, putting his new tracks on the same album with old tracks he did with Eric B.

**4. In My Lifetime, Vol. I, Jay-Z**- The mc with many different flows and styles put it all together for his second album.

**5. War Report, Capone-N-Noreiga**- This album was the surprise hit of the year. These two cats came out of nowhere and gained instant recognition.

**6. Silent Weapons For Quiet War, Killarmy**- This side project of Wu-Tang Clan proved to be a separate group in their own right.

**7. Back in Business, EPMD**- They reunited once again to make music to help stop the prominence of sucker mcs and to just chill old school style.

**8. The People, Boot Camp**- The major names from Duck Down Entaprizes, such as Buckshot and CoCo Brovaz (formerly Smif-n-Wessun), got together to drop this album.

**9. Dangerous, Busta Rhymes**- The former member of Leaders of the New School, drops his second solo album. Though turning commercial, you still have to love him.

**10. One Day It'll All Make Sense, Common**- Formerly known as Common Sense, his newest album is not as great as his debut or subsequent albums, but it is still worthwhile.

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Are your friends making you insane?

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## *Just ask Betty and Bonnie*

*Dear Betty and Bonnie,*

*Late one night I was on the phone with my best bud about how much I wanted to date my best guy friend. I've been dying over him for the last few months since our friendship has been a little shaky. He doesn't have a clue, yet I don't know if I should look him into him eyes, and tell him. What should I do?*

*Sincerely,*
*Confused*

**Dear Confused,**
**Oh- the agony of waiting for him is so hard. It's torture, but if you're truly this close you should be able to tell him. If he's been by your side for this long, he obviously likes you. If he's available when you need him and he makes you feel good about yourself, then he sounds like he cares about you even if he hasn't actually uttered the words. Be careful with what you say, because you'd rather have a best friend than a boyfriend. Enough said.**

# Your Weekly Horoscope

## Don't leave home without consulting it!

### Aries

Pay attention to your dreams and your intuition, Aries. A missing factor could suddenly turn up there and help to resolve a puzzling matter. Think of today as a time to take note of those little light bulbs turning on in your head. Steer clear, too, of the kind of person who waits for you to make a move or say something that can be interpreted as pushy or offensive.

### Taurus

Today's problems seem almost insignificant—or at least they would to some other Sun signs. For you, disruption of your schedule and your planned activities is pretty hard to take. You've never liked that kind of surprise, have you? There's more to come, as someone in your close circle of friends reacts in a unexpected way, a way that you won't particularly like.

### Gemini

You'll feel more free to move ahead today, so let all that sparkling enthusiasm out of its cage. If risking outcomes was a bad move yesterday, today you have everything you need to start some action of your own. It's not a good week at all, though, to try out a new watering hole or join company with strangers.

### Cancer

The use of your time becomes today's big concern. You have enough to do just sorting out the distractions of the day, but this looks like more of a problem of conflicting obligations. How's that? Well, you might have to figure out how to get some sleep and still get to class on time.

### Leo

The smart moves today are about getting in touch with people who can help you. The forecast covers everyone who matters to you in some way—from the power people who can help you find a career, to your friends, family, and deepest ties. Consider a special harvest time, Leo, when you're able to reap the fruits of your own sunny warmth everywhere you turn.

### Virgo

You win all the cooperation you need at work today. More than that, there's a special enjoyment of working with others as a team. We're sorry to tell you that you may not find the same level of give-and-take operating in your personal life. Tonight, guard against hotheaded quarrels with loved ones.

### Libra

Well, another spin-off for all this joie de vivre energy is some fresh excitement in your love life. We don't like to give you too many choices at one time, Libra. But you really should pay some attention to having romantic fun now. And you're gonna hate this, but that Venus tendency to overindulge is turning up again.

### Scorpio

Some people will question why you're the one who reached in and pulled out the latest prize. Ignore it. People know instinctively which rumors will upset you, so ignore these also. On top of everything else you're up these days, a super cycle for happiness in love is already in motion. What you really want, besides passion, is deep friendship, mutual trust, and a union of the spirit.

### Sagittarius

There's no reason in the world why you can't move ahead steadily today, except for one little thing—you. You're just not in the mood to exert much effort, are you? Get over it, because all the other signals for the day indicate a chance to enjoy a sense of accomplishment.

### Capricorn

Well, in spite of yesterday's advice, you're actually in a period of money-making bliss. Other planetary aspects encourage you to devote time to managing your resources now. There'll be some reversals for this go-ahead trend during the month, but it's still your best overall activity.

### Aquarius

Making a big splash is not the way to overcome your uncertainties. Sometimes in the past, sheer bravado has helped you wiggle out of tight spots, Aquarius, but not today. If you have doubts about your abilities, you'll best regain your confidence by doing what you do best. You can't always count on good luck to pull you through.

### Pisces

Today is a good day for communications. Phone calls and talks should prove successful and should further your goals. Take note of the word, Pisces. That's "talks"—nice tactful little talks. In spite of the fact that you've set to put your ides across well, forcing them won't work at all. Maintaining your cool will gain you respect.


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# Clinton Saga Displaces Priorities

**Worlds Apart**
**by Dylan Lane**
***Weekly* Columnist**

Greetings Weekly fans! I am writing this week on the state of our union and the reasons why it seems so desolate. The manner with which the United States of America is organized depresses me. This isn't just another tirade about how President Clinton has no scruples or morals, rather this article may support him in some manner. I find it very dissatisfying that more people are familiar with the names Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, and Monica Lewinsky than the President's slant on taxes, welfare reform, social security, or even subsidized government loans for college students. This baffles me! How can a country be so preoccupied with scandal and hyperbole that it neglects the fundamental issues which undermine it's greatness. Why doesn't anyone pay attention to fundamental issues?

On one hand I believe that the media is at fault for this exploitation and glorification of meaningless issues. In this era of talk shows, soap operas, and real life dramas played out on television there seems to be a pervasive sense of anxiety and unrest in television programming. The media creates this anxiety by emphasizing grandiose stories of seduction, scandal, and infidelity; not necessarily in politics either. The main reason that media attention takes such stories as their focus is simple, we [the television consumers] crave this sort of publicity. Issues of immorality are glorified through cable television because these same issues fascinate the viewing public. To see a societal idol, or ambassador of the American ideal fall from their pedestal is quite amusing.

In this materialistic world the media serves a fundamental purpose, a self created need. The nightly news runs stories designed to create feelings of anxiety; i.e., President Clinton's extra-marital affairs which result in an overwhelming anxiety about the well being of the countries political health. On the whole people are secure, and the media challenges our security by expanding our sphere of knowledge. For example, if the media had chosen not to emphasize the current Clinton scandal so much people wouldn't be concerned with the welfare of their nation. The viewing public will remain 'tuned in' throughout the course of events surrounding such scandals, or at least until the anxiety has subsided. By 'tuned in' I am referring to the reciprocating effect of the causal anxiety created by the media. The nation remains 'tuned in' by investing in magazines, tabloids, newspapers, television, etc, that is until their anxiety, originally generated by the media's inflated coverage of events, subsides. Fundamental issues are boring, it seems that one would much rather tune in to Jerry Springer daily than to C-SPAN. Media coverage is not only limited to issues causing anxiety, but also a strong emphasis on calming that anxiety. What do you think commercial's are for? They allow the viewer to have faith in a product created to soothe the anxiety generated by media manipulation. When one watches a nightly news piece about the correlation between drinking a glass of wine every evening with dinner and one's improved health, anxiety is created (albeit a small one) about whether or not the viewer is consuming enough wine to improve their health. This anxiety is balanced by a series of commercials highlighting a new Merlot by Gallo with superior quality and taste at a reasonable price. The decision is made by the viewer to consume a glass of wine daily and the means, by which health can be improved, are readily available. The commercials that one watches do nothing more than offer a means to escape from the realm of media anxiety.

The media would probably respond with the claim that they're doing the public a service by reporting the facts and figures that matter most. By reporting in this manner they are allowing the nation to become wiser consumers, more aware of the investments they choose. I would say that they are correct, but that if no one watches the news then they won't have anything to report on. Besides, who in their right mind would argue that knowing who's seen the President's "willie" is more important than knowing how he's improved the state of the union?

# Affair to Remember?

**Beyond Entertainment**
**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Everyone seems to have an opinion on the Presidential Sex Scandal, or at the very least, an interest. I am left to ponder, "Why is this the case?" Whether Clinton had a sexual affair with Miss Lewinsky or several hundred others for that matter, society faces a question that can only be answered by the President himself. After all, why does anyone cheat?

What truly disturbs me is *why* we are so interested. Why talk of impeachment or resignation? So Clinton is a *philanderer*. He certainly is not the first president, who has been less than faithful to his wife. Kennedy had numerous affairs during his term in office; the media and public politely stayed out of it. Now, a few brief decades later, we seem to feel that it is our right to know every little secret familiar only to the White House walls.

Regardless, I don't see how Clinton's behavior relates to his ability to effectively run our country. What the President does with his *genitalia* should not be our concern; just as any other person's sex life is really none of our business. As Americans, we preoccupy ourselves by making Clinton's sex life a national issue. In reality, Clinton's alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky has been blown out of proportion!

True, he behaved without discretion and tried to cover his tracks by lying. Perhaps he asked others to lie on his behalf; he perjured himself on this particular account. However, does perjury of this kind automatically make him unable to perform his legitimate presidential duties?

Don't get me wrong, Clinton's behavior is far from admirable. I don't believe he is a "good guy," or can many others after this fiasco. Nevertheless, It should not prevent him from finishing his term to the best of his ability. In my opinion, the Iran Contra Affair during Reagan's term in office was a far more serious threat to our nation, than is this minor offense.

There are only a few lucky people, who can speak honestly and frankly about past sexual experiences. President Clinton has made several mistakes in his personal life. But how much does this really affect us as a country?

As Americans, we have become too involved in the personal lives of our celebrities and leaders. Most likely, Clinton has carried on a ridiculous number of affairs during his terms as President, as well as during his term as Governor of Arkansas.

The truth of the matter is that the scandal is not only *indisputable*, but also *inconsequential* to us. Why not simply examine what he has accomplished? What he does negligible during his term is *irrelevant* to his rating as a good president.

"Still won't talk, huh? OK Mugsy, turn the thermostat up to 60."

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# Letters to the Editor

## O.I.T. Draws Criticism From Student

Dear Editor,

The Muhlenberg College Office of Information and Technology has turned uselessness into an art and inefficiency into a science. OIT is the department of the college that is involved with the various computer networks that supposedly keep our campus at the forefront of the information age. While this editorial may sound like a petty rant, please indulge me for a few minutes, so that I may convince you of the horrible state of our campus wide computer network.

The purpose of having a computer network on campus is to allow students, faculty, and administrators to find information that would normally be much more difficult to access. With the wealth of information available on the Internet, a student can find essays, articles, and data that he would never before have known existed. A professor can send e-mail across campus instantaneously to any other member of the faculty. These features are what the campus should expect from a department such as OIT, with as little interrupted service as possible. OIT should provide technical support during all problematic times.

Unfortunately, many of us know this is not reality. For at least a week now, we have been plagued with a network that "quits" suddenly. Browsing the Web has become impossible, and many students are wondering why they cannot connect to the on-campus server, HAL, to check their e-mail. I believe these recent problems are only a symptom of a larger ailment.

There are two major problems with the services that OIT provides to the college. First, the hardware is outdated. Many of the computer labs are filled with 486 machines, the predecessors to the Pentium machines that are today's standard. Only in the past six months has the campus upgraded to Windows 95, an operating system that debuted in, you guessed it, 1995. In fact, it is very likely that Muhlenberg College will have complete Windows 95 implementation only shortly before Windows 98 debuts. Yet, the performance of the Windows 95 machines remains erratic at best. What does OIT say about the problems? "If you experience problems using Windows 95, move to a Win[dows] 3.1 computer." What kind of solution is this?

I can anticipate the explanations that OIT will give to this protest. One is that they do not have enough money to buy new equipment. This is most certainly true. Our college has no problem spending money on sprinklers that water the sidewalk, but staying on top of the technology wave is obviously not a priority. Another explanation that OIT might give is that they cannot get the different machines to work smoothly with the network. I will not accept this as a valid argument. The role of OIT is to constantly update and maintain the network and all parts of that network.

The other problem that I have with OIT's management of resources is their inability to inform the college (or at least the students) as to what is happening or why problems are occurring. Since their title is Office of INFORMATION and Technology, one would expect information. In the last week, no explanation has been given as to why the performance of the network has been almost nil. They gave us no advance warnings as to when the network would be down. OIT did not even have the courtesy to post a message on HAL to tell the students to prepare for occasional network downtime. (Maybe they could not login either!)

Yet, this is not my largest complaint for the lack of service! In the real world, when a system is implemented, the company who implements it must provide support and constant maintenance. Most system administrators would not leave for the day until every problem had been solved. In a situation where the network is continually down, every effort would be concentrated on finding a total solution. If they cannot fix the everyday problems nor keep their customers informed of the condition of the network, they would not be in business long. Allow me to repeat myself: if the Muhlenberg College Office of Information and Technology was a stand-alone business, they would assuredly have gone bankrupt years ago.

There are many, many problems with our current computer resources on this campus. Most are too complex to deal with in a short editorial. However, they afflict not only those who use the public PC's in the labs, but also those who must deal with the network from their own room. So far, OIT has not been held accountable by the college community for their apathy towards the situation. Maybe it is time for that to change.

Most Sincerely,
Gregory Yurkovic

## Council Targets Areas of Improvement

**Council Update**
**by David Silber**

As the 1996-1997 Student Council ends its term, they are hard at work in establishing a strong foundation for the new Council to get started on. This weeks agenda will contain some new topics as well as the normal officer and committee reports of the Student Council. Among the committees to report will be athletics, which recently concluded a school wide survey as well as the regularly meeting food committee.

The most prominent facing Council right now is their concern and plans to restructure the way which Council and the numerous clubs and organizations they sponsor interact. The Student Council has become concerned that neither these clubs or the Council have maintained a high quality level of communication.

Furthermore, the Council is still closely following and supporting the college's efforts to appeal the student housing ordinance passed in the fall. This process continues at City Hall on February 9, at 7:00 P.M.

Also, the Student Council has established a date of March 23, 1998 for this semesters Student Body Meeting. This meeting is of great importance and will be the first opportunity for the new Student Body President to address the students. So come out and meet your newly elected presidnet at this time. And lastly, all clubs are reminded that regular allocations must be taken care of as soon as possible.

As always, all members of the Muhlenberg Community are encouraged to attend our meetings which are heldon Thursday nights at 7:00 P.M. on the third floor of the Haas college center.

## Other Ideas for Spring Break

**The World According to Me**
**by Josh Northridge**
***Weekly* Columnist**

It's never too early to start planning those spring break vacations. Although many of you have already made those reservations to Cancun, Florida, or wherever. There are others of you who have not made any final plans. Is money the problem? Do your parents not want you to go? Are you against drinking your face off, making an idiot of yourself, passing out? If for any of these reasons you are not going anywhere spectacular for spring break, then this is the article for you. I tend to see this opportunity I have to write in The *Weekly* often as a public service to you, my fellow students. This week we will examine alternate possibilities for spending very little money yet still enjoying your week off from school.

1. Lebanon, Pennsylvania still has about half of that giant bologna they lowered on New Year's Eve. The town is keeping it in a very small, heated room below City Hall. You can smell that thing from Quakertown. But for a dollar they'll let you go into that room and look at it. For an extra fifty cents you can touch it. For another fifty cents you can spend ten minutes alone with it.
2. Jonestown, Pennsylvania is where I live. Last week I mentioned that my dog was hit by a truck. We had the dog freeze-dried. You can see it for free. It sits on top of my house and my brothers even made a model truck that looks like the one that hit it. The way they set it up it looks like a reenactment of the horrible accident. We had the tire marks buffed out of the fur to make the whole scene more appealing to children.
3. Washington, D.C.- There you can apply to be an intern in the White House while seeing the national sites. Apparently there has been a decline in the number of applicants to serve as an intern. They have added a question to the application that wasn't there last year. It reads something like, "If you were to have sex with the President, would you tell anyone?"
4. New York City- Ahhhh, the big apple. Catch giant subway rat. Sell to homeless man for a penny. Repeat.
5. Allentown, Pennsylvania- Attempt to rent an apartment near our campus. Then sit and wait for an angry mob to oppose. With the frozen corn from the Garden Room proceed to sling shot the angry mob. While you're at it aim for some of those squirrels on campus. They should provide plenty of targets.

## Smoked Turkey is M.I.A.

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Assistant Editor**

I hate change. I rarely try anything new. I always go to the same restaurants where I order the same food, and sit at the same table. I only rent movies I have seen before and I try to schedule at least one class with the same professor I had the previous semester. And of course, I sit at the same desk in the classroom. Okay, so I may have some issues. However, I prefer to think of myself as one who embraces tradition.

Anyway, I was forced to break with my traditional ways when I went to GQ for the first time since winter break. I entered and ordered the same meal I have been ordering for a year and a half—Fat free turkey on a toasted bagel with two pickles, no chips, and a Diet Pepsi with no ice. I sat down at my table and took a bite. Something was definitely different. It was the turkey. It lacked the smoked flavor that drew me to GQ every afternoon. Actually, it had little flavor. Okay, I don't expect fat free turkey to taste as good as a Big Mac and fries but the smoked turkey that I loved came close enough, and at the same time bought me a few more years heart attack free.

I have a hard enough time with change, but this change was just sprung on me with no warning at all. I mean, me and fat free smoked turkey go back a year and a half. I feel a certain loyalty to the bird, so I still order the same meal. I just eat the bagel, the pickels, and drink my soda. I keave the turkey on the plate. I just can't get it down. It is shiny, *slimy*, and it leaves an unappetizing moist coat on the bagel.

The new turkey is bland, nothing like its predecessor. Has anyone else noticed this? If you, like me, long for the return of the smoked turkey, let the food service know. There is a suggestion box in GQ and the helpful employees at GQ said that if enough people ask for the smoked turkey, then there is a chance that it could reappear on the menu. Smoked Turkey lovers all around Mulhenberg's Campus unite! Don't let GQ's smoked turkey become a legend that many have heard of but few have tasted.

# National Sports Update for the week of 2/5

**compiled by Jess Hirsh and C.J. Lenat**
***Weekly* editors**

Novelist Tom Clancy, (best known for such books as The Hunt for Red October and Patriot Games), along with other unnamed investors became the new owners of the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League. The group will pay about $200 million for the team. Clancy is also a minority owner of the Major League Baseball Baltimore Orioles.

Former UCLA Head Football Coach Terry Donahue, who was reported to be the leading candidate for the head coaching job of the Dallas Cowboys, left abruptly during his third interview with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Dallas radio stations are reporting that Donahue is still the first choice of Jones.

Hakeem Olajuwon of the NBA's Houston Rockets is expected to return to the starting lineup this week after missing almost three months due to knee surgery. Olajuwon's return is highly anticipated in Houston, as the Rockets have had a dismal season so far, only managing a 21-23 record.

Just days before the start of the 1998 Winter Olympics, a rocket attack on the Tokyo International Airport has forced local police to sharply heighten security. The launch of the homemade rockets, which injured one worker, has not been linked directly to the games.

Free agent pitcher Andy Benes, who played last year with the St. Louis Cardinals, agreed to a multiyear contract with the expansion Arizona Diamondbacks. Benes, who went 10-7 last season with a 3.10 ERA for the Cardinals, tried to resign with St. Louis, but the agreement reached was voided by the league. Benes' deal is reported to be for three years at about $6 million per year.

Bob Watson, who was general manager for the 1996 World Series championship New York Yankees, resigned Tuesday. Team sources named assistant general manager Brian Cashman as Watson's replacement. Cashman will become the fifteenth general manager for George Steinbrenner in his twenty five years of ownership. Rumor has it that Watson repeatedly clashed with Steinbrenner on trades, and that led to his resignation.

The defense for disabled golfer Casey Martin showed videotape on Monday providing powerful testimony concerning the extent of Martin's debilitating disease. Stricken with a circulatory ailment since birth, Martin is petitioning the Professional Golfers Association for permission to use an electric cart on tour events. The PGA has repeatedly denied Martin his request. Martin's case is now being heard by a federal court judge.

The Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League are reportedly close to trading All-Star forward Sergei Fedorov, who has been a holdout all season. Federov, who is holding out for a better contract, was recently named to the Russian Olympic Team. The Red Wings hope that Federov's performance in the Olympics will bolster his trade value.

Indiana Pacers Head Coach Larry Bird leads the list for this years nominees for the NBA Hall of Fame. Bird was a three-time MVP for the Boston Celtics. Bird is the only first-time nominee on the ballot this year.

David Hobbs, Head Coach for the University of Alabama football team, will be fired at the end of the season, said university officials. The decision was made after poor attendance criticism from fans.

Gene Orza, the associate general counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association testified on Tuesday in the arbitration hearing for suspended NBA All-Star Latrell Sprewell.

The United States Olympic Committee said on Monday that it will ask the International Council for Arbitration in Sports to overturn the three-month suspension handed down to bobsledder Michael Dionne. Dionne was suspended for use of a banned stimulant. The appeal will be held on Feb. 8.

The following students will be committing their time and energy to provide the College and the President with the resources to enhance the Muhlenberg Experience and to educate alumni, parents, and friends about the importance of annual support. The Muhlenberg students, faculty and staff would like to thank them in advance for their deep support of the College.

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## Winterfest '98

**February 7, 1998**

**1 pm--Women's game vs. Washington**
**free drawing during women's game for:**
**season pass to Dorney Park**
**AAA membership**
**Dinner for two at Pip's at the Hilton**
**2 tickets to Touchstone Theater**

**Between games:**
**The first 500 students who show their ID will receive a free hot dog and soda**
**Music provided by TKE's DJ John**
**Drawing for 2 campus parking ticket annulments and 2 free ID replacements**

**3 pm--Men's game vs. Washington**
**Half time show with Semcycle**
**Free drawing during men's game for:**
**season pass to Dorney Park**
**AAA membership**
**print of "Doors of Muhlenberg"**
**CD-ROM of 'Berg Masterpieces**
**2 tickets to Civic Theater**
**During the game: $100 savings bond and 10 Pizza Chef pizzas to the most spirited group, and another $100 savings bond to the most spirited fan.**

**All students should wear cardinal or red to support the basketball teams.**

# Under Siege

## *A weekly column examining the problems facing professional sports today*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Professional athletes are supposed to be role models for children. They're supposed to be people an impressionable young boy or girl can emulate, whom they can aspire to become when they "grow up."

There are many athletes spanning the range of sports who fit this designation. Players such as baseball's Cal Ripken, football's John Elway, and numerous less-recognizable others in less popular sports epitomize this idea of "role models."

But there is a trend raging through professional sports that no one should copy. Violence by athletes has become more and more common in the past few years, and is now prevalent in almost every aspect of the sporting world.

The most widely publicized violent outburst by a professional athlete is the assault by Latrell Sprewell, a professional basketball player, on his coach, P.J. Carlisimo. During a team practice, Sprewell tried to choke Carlisimo, then, twenty minutes later, tried to attack him again.

After an initial 10-game suspension, Sprewell's contract was voided by his team, the Golden State Warriors, and was banned from the NBA for one year, the stiffest non-drug related suspension in league history.

Many of Sprewell's teammates and others in the league voiced their disapproval of the actions taken by the league and the Warriors. They thought Sprewell had received too harsh a punishment, and that the original 10-game suspension should be imposed.

In recent hearings before a judge who is to rule on Sprewell's appeal of the suspension, many of his teammates stated that they did not witness Sprewell's second attack on Carlisimo, and that they believe that the circumstances have been exaggerated.

Many basketball analysts feel that this is a transparent attempt by Sprewell's teammates to stand up for their peer and do what they can to lessen his punishment.

I find these actions despicable. This man, this "role model," violently attacked another human being, and he, along with his peers, feel anything more than a slap on the wrist as penalty is too much. Is this the message professional sports wish to send to their young fans?

This violent trend carries over to other sports as well. Just this weekend at the NFL Pro Bowl, an occasion meant to showcase the best players in the league, violence marred the game.

Neil Smith, the perennial Pro-Bowler and member of the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos, viciously attacked San Francisco 49er Kevin Gogan, an altercation that led to both men being ejected from the game.

Hockey games are filled with fights, and, entertaining as they may be, those fights give young viewers the wrong idea of what sports are about.

Baseball has full-team brawls, usually stemmed from a pitcher intentionally throwing at a batter either to move him away from the plate, or as retaliation to a previous incident.

And parents are supposed to let their children hold these athletes as role models? If a child's favorite player is Neil Smith, and he sees Smith respond to adversity in a game with violence, what's stopping that child from emulating his "idol," and turning to violence himself?

Professional athletes need to understand that not only are they paid to win, but they're paid to be representatives as well. Representatives of their teams, their leagues, and their sport as a whole.

I applaud the NBA's actions in regards to Latrell Sprewell, and hope that other incidents of violence in all professional sports will be dealt with in similar measure. Professional athletes must learn that they're not part of a privileged class of citizens, and that their actions reflect not only on themselves and their sport, but on the millions of young children in this country and throughout the world who look to them as role models.

**Many positions are now available in the sports section of *The Weekly*, including writers and assistant editors. Call *The Weekly* at x3187 during office hours for more information.**

# Winterfest '98 filled with music, prizes and fun

**by Joshua Goldstein**
***Weekly* sports writer**

Muhlenberg College will be hosting Winterfest this Saturday to liven up the campus spirit in support of the men's and women's basketball teams. The first 500 people to walk through the doors of Memorial Hall will receive a gift from Pepsi.

Everyone should wear red or cardinal clothing to show their school spirit.

The Pep/Jazz band will play music to excite the crowd before the women's game at 1pm, followed by the men's game at 3pm.

During each game, prizes will be distributed to lucky fans. Some of the prizes include: season passes to Dorney Park, two tickets for Touchstone Theatres, dinner for two at Pip's at the Allentown Hilton, a Nintendo game and much, much more.

The cheerleaders will even be tossing t-shirts into the stands at half time. The Phillie Phanatic will be there to mingle and pump up all the fans.

In between the games there will be a twenty-five minute intermission. A DJ will be playing music in the Field House, giving prizes only to Muhlenberg College students, such as two campus parking ticket annulments, two free student ID replacements, and a Nintendo game.

During the half time of the men's game, Semcycle will be entertaining the crowd with some very unusual renditions that should spark the fans with enthusiasm and offer great entertainment. Their performances will include special acts of juggling, unicycle tricks and other bizarre activities.

Also, the organ will be played throughout both games to electrify the spirit of the Muhlenberg fans. The most spirited group in the stands will receive ten Pizza Chef pizzas and a $100 savings bond from National Penn Bank.

One lucky fan will be chosen as the craziest person and will be awarded with a $100 savings bond.

There will be a Pat Brennen reception in the Field House following the men's game.

Winterfest will be a fun-filled afternoon full of music, great prizes, exciting basketball, and most importantly the vivacious spirit of Muhlenberg.

So come watch the women's and men's basketball teams on Saturday and show Washington how much spirit we have to offer!!

# On Deck at the 'Berg

**Men's Basketball: Sat. 2/7-home vs. Washington @ 3:00, Wed. 2/11-home vs. Franklin & Marshall @ 8:00**

**Women's Basketball: Sat. 2/7-home vs. Washington @ 1:00, Tue. 2/10 at Haverford**

**Wrestling: Sat. 2/7 at York/ Kutztown/Hunter**

**Track: Sat. 2/7 at Swarthmore**

# Profile of a Mule: Matt Schneider

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent Muhlenberg athletes*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

The "sophomore jinx." How many people have made it big on their first chance at stardom, to have it all erase on their second go round? The list is endless.

Anybody remember how good rookie of the year Bob Hamlin turned out to be? How about Kevin Maas?

These are two people in an endless string of rookies who never amounted to anything more in their careers.

Matt Schneider, a sophomore forward on the basketball team, has stared this jinx straight in the eye, and laughed at it.

He has been nothing short of a jinx to opposing players this year, as he is one of the main ingredients in the Mules offense.

Matt began lacing up the hightops when he was eight years old. He attended Lawrence High School in his hometown of Lawrenceville, NJ. There he was a vital cog in a machine that was a conference powerhouse his junior and senior year.

After dominating lesser opponents in high school, he decided to attend Muhlenberg College.

"On my visit, I got along well with all the guys, and I just wanted to go to a school where I could have a chance to play right away. Another factor is that it's close to home," Schneider said.

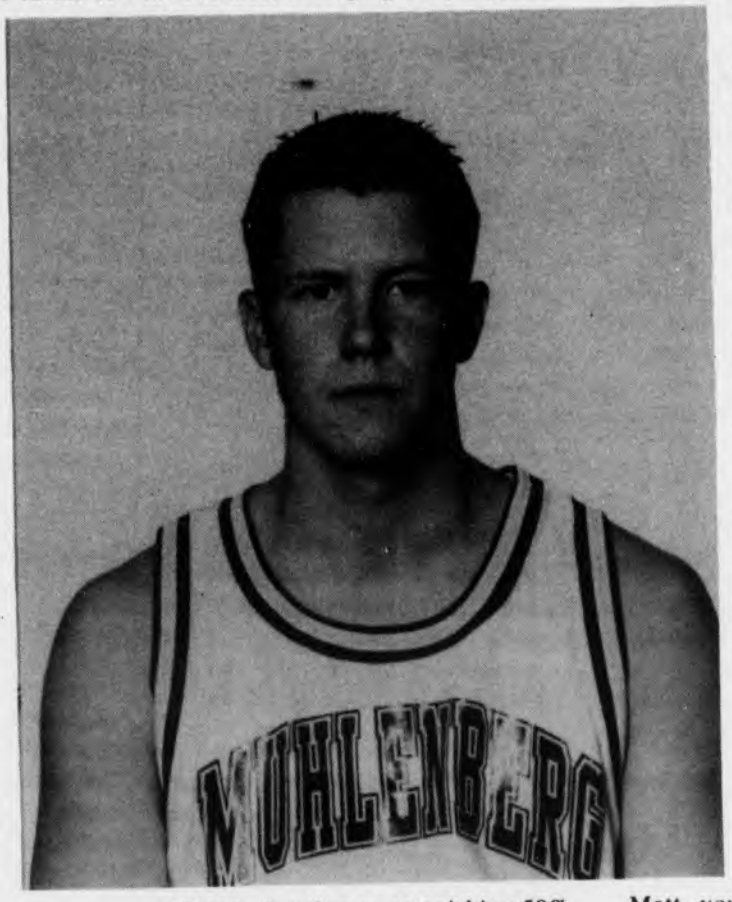
The level of play in college was something Matt needed to get adjusted to.

"The game is much more physical here. Strength is such a necessity," Schneider said. "Look at what Jim Doumato has done since he got stronger."

Fortunately Matt had upper-class leadership to help show him the ropes. "Matt Henrich is someone I look up to. The energy and emotion that he brings to a game is what gets me fired up. He is a great vocal leader," Schneider said.

Matt is putting together a great career. Last year he broke out with a 23 point performance against Philadelphia Pharmacy, and this year he has been spectacular.

Currently he is the team's second leading scorer, averaging 11.3 points per game. He is also second on the team in rebounds, averaging 5.1 per game.




Matt is shooting an astonishing 50% from the field, as well as 70.8% from the free throw line. His 8 blocked shots ties him again for second on the team.

He has had huge games against Kings College and Allentown College, pouring in 21 points in both contests. Matt has been rewarded for his performances by being named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll twice this year.

Matt is one of those players who lets his game do the talking. He is one who plays with a lot of emotion that rubs off on his teammates.

At any moment he can provide that spark that will put the other team away. As good as he is on the courts, he is even better off. He is a winner in the classroom, as much as he is in basketball.

With only a few home games left, come out and support Matt and the rest of the 'Berg men.

Matt, your star is on the rise, just hold on and enjoy the ride.

# Collins gets bum rap

**by Mark Koup**
**Opinion Editor**

I'm not sure what is going on the National Basketball Association these days. This week, the Detroit Pistons fired their Head Coach, Doug Collins, who had just produced two consecutive winning seasons for the first time in five years. The Pistons are currently three games under .500, but I can't help but wonder why the team's brain trust has decided to pull the trigger so prematurely. I certainly hope this isn't another case of players crying because their coach yelled at them. Typically, the players then demand his firing.

The Pistons are led by Grant Hill, who is probably the premier class act in the N.B.A. I doubt that Hill played a role in Collins' firing. In fact, Hill suggested that the entire team was to blame for underachieving at this point in the season. I agree with him. I don't see how making this change, and removing one of the finest young-player coaches in the league, will help the Pistons. It seems to me that if the team had stuck it out, they would find themselves in the playoffs at the season's end.

Today's players often do not finish college, and therefore require more teaching at the professional level. I think that if they can adjust to a particular coach, and establish a rapport with him, the success of the team will take care of itself. It is a step backward to change coaches in mid-season. It isn't likely that the team will respond positively to its new coach.

Doug Collins was a four time all-star and the number one pick overall in the 1973 draft. It would seem that today's players would respect a coach who has proven his ability to succeed as a player as well as a coach. Collins also led a very young Bulls team that featured a shooting guard named Michael Jordan into the playoffs for the first time. Ironically, the Bulls fired Collins right before the team took the next step as perennial contenders. Perhaps this will be a good omen for the Pistons, and Grant Hill will eventually grace every sneaker and cereal box within reach. I just hope that some team in the N.B.A. recognizes the groundwork that Collins has now laid twice, and gives him the long-term contract he deserves.

Coaches will eventually gain power over the players again. Their salaries are beginning to approach the absurdities that dot player's paychecks. Excellent coaches like Doug Collins will be rehired, and will earn what they deserve. It will be a small victory for a select few, but I will surely appreciate the time when the pendulum swings back where it belongs.

# Mules take sole possession of first place in Centennial conference after a perfect 3-0 week

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vidual performances have paved the way for the Mules to make a run at the conference championship.

The play of junior center Jim Doumato has not only caught the eye of Muhlenberg fans but he has impressed coaches, players, and officials around the league.

Jim's play earned him Centennial Conference Player of the Week honors through the games of February 1.

In three games Doumato averaged 20 points and 10.3 rebounds per game while shooting almost 75 percent from the field.

The junior center has started all 18 of the Mules' games and is leading the team in minutes played (478), field goal pct. (.578), free throw pct. (.730), points (262), rebounds (177), and blocks (22).

In addition to leading the team in numerous categories Doumato also leads the Centennial Conference in rebounding (9.8 rpg) and blocked shots (22) and he is third in field goal percentage (.578).

He has consistently been an outstanding player and is leading his team to the post season.

The Mules have a little less than a quarter of the season left and they have started to really turn it on. With seven games remaining the Mules have some key opponents to overcome.

They play Ursinus twice in two weeks and conference rival Franklin and Marshall visit Allentown on Feb. 11.

The Mules need to continue their winning ways for the end of the season and carry it over to the playoffs. If the Mules continue to play as they have for the last two weeks they could be bringing a conference championship to campus.

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# Mules lead Centennial Conference

## *Men win three in a row including first road win to capture first place*

**by Dan Eichelberger**
***Weekly* sports writer**

With only seven games left to play in the 1997-1998 men's basketball season every win is important. Last week the Mules responded with two big wins.

After an up and down season it seems as though the Muhlenberg men's basketball team has found its rhythm. After compiling a record of six wins and nine losses the Mules have won three straight and improved their record to .500.

In the last three games several members have been key to the Mules' success.

In a big win against Haverford last week at home the Mules showed a total team effort as they dominated the boards and forced 26 turnovers.

Contributing to the Mules' outstanding play have been several younger Muhlenberg athletes.

Sophomore Matt Schneider added 12 points and four rebounds as fellow sophomore Chris Kenny added three "3's" and 11 points. Senior forward Matty Henrich added an impressive 14 points and 8 assists as he nears the Muhlenberg record books for career assists.

Muhlenberg has had an up and down season with 8 of their 9 losses coming on the road.

Last week they traveled to Dickinson to take on the defending conference champs.

Muhlenberg played as though they were in Memorial Hall as they built on a 14 point half time lead and went on to win big 84-63.

Senior guard Jeff Graham put up 12 points in only 16 minutes and fellow senior guard Mike Queenan added 17 points.

The Mules dominated the game from the start and the statistics tell the story. Muhlenberg out rebounded Dickinson 38 to 22 and were 12 for 16 from the line on their way to a 21 point rout of the Red Devils.

Perhaps the main reason for Muhlenberg's first place standing in the conference has been the outstanding team play.

However, several phenomenal indi-

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***Senior Matt Henrich inbounds the ball***

## *Women beat Swarthmore and Western Maryland to raise record to 10-6*

**by Tracey M. McGee**
***Weekly* sports writer**

At week's end, the Muhlenberg women's basketball team had a lot to celebrate.

The team stands in first place in the East Division of the Centennial Conference with a three-game lead over division rivals Washington and Ursinus.

They are also sporting an impressive overall record of 10-7. It would mark the fourth year in a row that the Lady Mules have qualified for at least a playoff tiebreaker in the conference.

To top off this fabulous week, junior point guard Sarah Clarke was named Centennial Conference player of the week.

In two Mule wins, Clarke averaged 10 points, eight assists, and 5.5 steals per game.

Clarke connected on four of five shots for 12 points in a 72-52 win at Swarthmore.

Even more praiseworthy was her showing Saturday versus the Green Terror of Western Maryland. Clarke had a great all-around game with eight points, nine assists, and seven steals. She totaled 16 for the week to go with only four turnovers.

One of the team's three captain, Clarke is hot on the heels of another Muhlenberg record. She needs only 22 more assists to become the Mules' all-time career leader. She leads the conference in assists with over five per game.

***Senior Lisa Clarke takes a shot during a recent game.***

Clarke's outstanding performance was one of several in the 72-56 pounding of the Terror. 'Berg took an early 19-0 lead in the first half and never looked back.

Junior Jill Roth led the scoring with 22 points, including two three-point field goals.

Senior Sarah Bedi added 12 points and junior Amanda Waterbury had ten.

Freshman Jessica Drennan pulled down 11 rebounds, matching a career high, while Waterbury grabbed eight of her own.

The women have a rough road ahead as they face all Centennial Conference opponents for the remainder of the season.

The team will be home Saturday at 1pm to host Washington, who is currently tied for second place right behind the Mules.

Come and support the Mules this weekend at Winterfest.

## Centennial Conference Standings

**as of 2/3**

| Men: | | | Women: | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eastern Division:** | **CC** | **Overall** | **Eastern Division:** | **CC** | **Overall** |
| Muhlenberg | 4-3 | 9-9 | Muhlenberg | 6-2 | 10-7 |
| Ursinus | 3-4 | 7-11 | Washington | 4-5 | 11-6 |
| Washington | 3-5 | 10-8 | Ursinus | 4-5 | 6-10 |
| Haverford | 2-5 | 5-13 | Haverford | 2-7 | 7-11 |
| Swarthmore | 0-7 | 0-17 | Swarthmore | 1-8 | 5-11 |
| | | | Bryn Mawr | 0-9 | 1-14 |
| **Western Division:** | **CC** | **Overall** | **Western Division:** | **CC** | **Overall** |
| Johns Hopkins | 6-1 | 14-4 | Johns Hopkins | 9-0 | 17-2 |
| F & M | 5-2 | 10-8 | Gettysburg | 8-1 | 13-3 |
| Western Md. | 5-3 | 9-8 | F & M | 6-3 | 9-9 |
| Dickinson | 4-3 | 8-10 | Western Md. | 6-4 | 10-8 |
| Gettysburg | 4-3 | 10-8 | Dickinson | 3-5 | 6-10 |

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# Phi Tau soon to be rechartered at Muhlenberg

**by Heidi Herder**
**Managing Editor**

Next fall, Muhlenberg will officially have six fraternities on campus. Phi Kappa Tau will be holding rush next fall. However, it will take place after the normal fraternity rush and will be an arduous process. Members of Phi Tau's national board will come to campus to conduct a series of formal interviews for all interested in the restructured fraternity.

Interested students will undergo a series of interviews by the national board and will be selected based on their willingness to be upstanding students in the community. They are looking for students not interested in the usual fraternity scene. Once selected, they will be the founding fathers of a new Phi Kappa Tau.

The new house will be substance free; no alcohol or illegal substances will be permitted. The national board is hoping to change the image of Phi Tau. They will be encouraged to host parties, yet no substances will be allowed.

There is much concern as to how Phi Tau's return will affect housing. The college is currently leasing the dorm as Hillside House. Once Phi Tau returns and has enough members, the house will be returned to them.

"If Phi Tau has enough members in the fall of 1999, they will be given a floor of Hillside. Given they have enough brothers in 2000, they will be given the entire house," said Brian Mauro, director of Greek Affairs.

Mauro will be working with the members of Phi Tau's national board as well as other members of the college staff to reconstruct the fraternity. He will act as a mentor for the new brothers, helping nationals with the pledging process and fraternity affairs.

The chapter will be on probationary status for two years. If there does not seem to be substantial interest, or there are any problems including the use of alcohol, their charter will be pulled and they will no longer exist on campus.

One condition for Phi Tau's return was that no original brothers be on campus. The national board wanted to make sure that "rumors had time to die down and bad apples were eliminated, being that they left the campus on such bad terms" Mauro said.

The return of Phi Tau has seemed welcomed by other fraternities. "They do not feel threatened by the new fraternity--it will not take anything away from theirs," said Mauro.

Another concern has been how the return of Phi Tau will effect Delta Tau Delta and their quest for a charter. Mauro stated that "DTD is totally separate from this issue and needs to remain strong and focused on their goal. They are an active organization on and off campus and have nothing to fear from them."

All sophomores interested in "unity, community service, college involvement, and 'brotherhood'" can look forward to having a place in the Muhlenberg community for them next fall.

*The Hillside House may return to the Phi Tau Fraternity at the beginning of the new century*

# Center for Ethics Holds Third Annual Discourse Day

## *Theme corresponds with Sesquicentennial mission, "Educating for Character"*

**By Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
***Weekly* Assistant News Editor**

"This will hopefully be the smoothest Discourse Day so far," proclaimed Dr. Christine Sistare, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Muhlenberg College Center for Ethics (MCCE). This was the third annual Discourse Day at Muhlenberg, sponsored by MCCE, and Sistare had much confidence in the program, which took place Wednesday, February 18.

This year's theme, "Education for Character," came to MCCE by means of Muhlenberg's sesquicentennial celebration, its main theme being 150 years of educating the entire student, academically and personally. According to Sistare, many faculty members discuss this topic often.

In actuality, the entire day started Tuesday evening, with keynote speaker Dr. Laurence Thomas in Egner Chapel. Thomas is Professor of Philosophy, Political Science, and Judaic Studies at Syracuse University as well as a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's graduate school. He has published two books, *Living Morally* (1989) and *Vessels of Evil: American Slavery and the Holocaust* (1993) and an editorial in the *New York Times* entitled, "Next Life, I'll Be White" (1991). In France, he has been cited as one of the ten most distinguished people working in ethics.

MCCE heard one of Thomas' lectures last year at Lehigh University when he was a guest lecturer for a week. As a member of the Lehigh Valley Association of Philosophers, Sistare and others had the opportunity to have dinner with Thomas and found him "fabulous--he has a wonderful personality," raved Sistare. When the time came to choose a keynote speaker for Discourse Day, Dr. Larry Haas, Professor of Philosophy, nominated Thomas and everyone agreed with him.

Because the keynote address was held on Tuesday, it allowed "more time for the sessions Wednesday, which [prompted] more and better discussions," Sistare said Tuesday. In the past, there have been problems with actual discussion time, and students have felt cut off from completely finishing the session. By moving the keynote speaker, more time was given to the groups as a whole, instead of adding more sessions.

Several students remarked that there was less publicity for the event this year, noting fewer flyers in mailboxes and fewer posters around campus. Sistare responded, "Students seem to throw away everything that gets stuffed in their boxes." Instead, there have been posters all over Seegers Union as well as smaller announcements on tables in the Garden Room. Also, pamphlets were received in students' mailboxes Monday. They were late in getting circulated, perhaps due to the number of student mailboxes to stuff; faculty received their copies late last week.

Sistare tried to post an announcement on the Internet as we open our e-mail accounts. However, she was told that this can no longer be done. "It's really disappointing that [MCCE] couldn't do that, because almost everyone checks their mail and reads those messages," said one Muhlenberg sophomore.

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# Nationline

Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Vicksburg, Mich.**—Gary Hicks and his three daughters died Sunday morning when a fire, apparently started by gasoline, ripped through their home. Investigators are looking into whether the fire was started by the father. "It's very suspicious...it appears to be a murder-suicide at this point," Vicksburg Fire Chief Kevin Holmquist said. Trained dogs found gasoline traces in the dining room, the front porch, and in all of the sleeping areas. Twelve-year-old Vanessa, 7-year-old Ginger and 3-year-old Ericka died in the fire alongside their father. The children's mother was not at home.

**Hillsboro, Ohio**—Dennis Cayse has been pulled over 24 times in 25 years for driving under the influence and has spent a good many years in jail. The last time he got caught driving drunk, however, an exasperated Hillsboro Municipal Court judge decided to get creative with his punishment. Judge John Hapner told Cayse he had to move his home within walking distance of a bar or liquor store rather than serve another lengthy prison term. "I was afraid that one of these days he was going to kill someone," Hapner said. "If jail didn't work, we had to find something that did."

**Los Angeles, Calif.**—Two women were shot and injured early Sunday, one critically, in two freeway shootings. Helena J. Dobiesz, 55, was hit in the head by a bullet that pierced her car's left rear window as she drove on the San Diego Freeway, about 20 miles south of the city. She is in critical condition. Less than an hour later, 47-year-old Melody Spicer was shot in the back as she drove from the San Gabriel Freeway to the Riverside Freeway, about 10 miles south of Los Angeles. Spicer was able to pull off the road and call for help. Police do not believe the shootings are related and no arrests have been made.

**Tremont, Maine**—The suicide of convicted sex offender Thomas Varnum only two days after authorities notified his neighbors of his criminal record has sparked debate about Maine's sex-offender notification and registration law. "When we talk about public safety, we're talking about the safety of these offenders as well," said Sally Sutton of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. Varnum was convicted in 1993 of molesting two 9-year-old boys in the Bath area. He served almost four years of a 12-year sentence. Said Sheriff William Clark, "I would rather have Tom Varnum as the only victim in this case than three or four or five boys in the town of Tremont."

**Denver, Colo.**—A surge in reported sightings of meteors in recent months has prompted a debate among scientists about the meteorites' origin and the meaning of the activity. There is more at stake, they say, than where a piece of rock fell to the ground. "Eventually a big one is going to hit, a real big one. And the question is: Can we protect ourselves?" said Doug Revelle, a scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory. At least five fireballs were spotted across Colorado in January, including one large enough to be seen in daytime, and many others have been reported throughout the West in recent months.

**Wrightwood, Calif.**—A teenage snowboarder missing for six days was found alive Friday afternoon in snow-covered mountains near the ski resort where he disappeared. Jeff Thornton, 14, is in critical but stable condition with frostbite on both arms, legs and hands, doctors said Saturday. He is expected to remain in the hospital for about a week. Search teams battled heavy snowfall all week before finding the teen crouched in a remote area of boulders, mud, snow and ice. He had gotten separated from his uncle six days earlier at the Mountain High ski resort about 50 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

# Campus Safety Notes

## *Early morning caller continues to harrass*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

2/9/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – unidentified man called females on the same floor

2/9/98 – Fire Alarm – East G – first floor detector – possibly caused by dust in the detector

2/10/98 – Vandalism to Vehicle – N. 26th St. – smashed driver's side rear window, nothing stolen

2/10/98 – Vandalism to Vehicle – 2500 block of Liberty St. – smashed car window, nothing stolen

2/10/98 – Alarm Sounded – Haas – interior door the President's office open by accident

2/11/98 – Fire Safety Violation – East – bike chained to stairway banister, blocked entrance to building

2/11/98 – Vandalism – East C – smashed glass case of fire extinguisher

2/11/98 – Stolen Vehicle – Sorority parking lot – gray 1990 Buick Century, working with Allentown Police

2/11/98 – Vandalism to Vehicle – rear of 419 N. 23rd St. – attempted theft of a 1993 GMC 4x4, nothing stolen

2/11/98 – Unauthorized Person – Seeger's – ex-boyfriend of Wood employee, given a Letter of Trespass

2/11/98 – Theft – Seeger's – two plants stolen from lounge

2/11/98 – Theft – New West – two remote controls and one black chair stolen from a classroom

2/12/98 – Harassment by Communication – MacGregor – 5:30 AM – phone call from individual who acted like he knew who lived there

2/12/98 – Theft – Mail Room – individual left their wallet and keys and later were realized to be stolen

2/13/98 – Animal Complaint – Martin Luther – cat in a room

2/13/98 – Fire Alarm – Hoffman House – dust in the detector from demolition on second floor

2/13/98 – Vandalism – Walz – student admitted to punching holes in the wall – referred to Dean's Office

2/13/98 – Alcohol Violation – Brown – many students referred to Dean's Office

2/14/98 – Vandalism – Martin Luther – many broken beer bottles and a window smashed in basement, near the Underground

2/14/98 – Vehicle Vandalism – 23rd St. parking lot – attempted theft of a cardinal and gray 1993 Dodge Ram van

2/14/98 – Car Fire – 21st St. parking lot – student's vehicle, Fire Department is investigating

2/14/98 – Vandalism – Benfer suite 304 – broken window

2/14/98 – Harassment by Communication – Seeger's – woman called telephone in the lobby by GQ and said she received a number of harassing phone calls from that number

2/15/98 – Harassment by Communication – Martin Luther – phone call between by an unidentified male between 3:30 and 5:30 AM saying "it's me, it's me"

2/15/98 – Harassment by Communication – East – unidentified male left a message on answering machine asking for a girl living there; he

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# Faculty Profile: Dr. Ted Conner, Music

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* News Writer**

Dr. Ted Conner has been a musician his entire life, but he never thought he would have a career that involved music. Fortunately for Muhlenberg, Dr. Conner switched career paths and decided to teach music. Dr. Conner is a new and very positive addition to the Muhlenberg music department this year.

Dr. Conner received a bachelor of arts degree from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of music from the New England Conservatory. He then went on to get his Masters in music theory from the University of Michigan and his doctorate in music history and music theory from the University of Connecticut.

Although it seems like Dr. Conner must have known that he wanted to study music, he actually did not. Dr. Conner worked at an advertising agency in New York for seven years before deciding to go back and continue his study of music. During the process of working on his second undergraduate degree, he became interested in music, and while he found his job in advertising interesting, he decided he wanted to go back to school to study music.

After receiving his doctorate at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Conner stayed there to teach for another two years before coming to Muhlenberg. He felt that the job situation was better. So far he is very happy with the philosophy of the administration and faculty Mu-

*Ted Conner, Music Department*

hlenberg. He thinks that the, "emphasis on teaching is fantastic," and he is "impressed with the expanding music program." Dr. Conner is also happy with student body and finds them to be extremely motivated.

Conner finds the biggest difference between teaching at the University of Connecticut and teaching at Muhlenberg to be that at the University of Connecticut, students in his classes were almost entirely music majors. Here, his classes are composed of music and non music majors and he believes that this brings a positive aspect to the classroom. "The non music majors bring different perspectives to the classes, he says."

Conner's goal for his classes is to get every student to look at things in ways that they haven't before. He wants them to learn critical thinking and writing skills that go beyond music. He would like for the things learned in his class to be applied in other classes. Students spoken to have great things to say about Dr. Conner.

Junior, Jose-Luis Riera says, "I love his classes, that's why I've taken three!" Riera is also very impressed with his teaching style and feels that, "his class challenges you to think and explore and to take a step further than what you'd do in a regular class."

Aside from teaching, Dr. Conner is also a jazz guitarist. He enjoys performing and has a performance scheduled on campus with Dr. Ovens, Head of the Music Department, this spring.

# wEiRd NeWs

**Newport News, Va.**—Robert Neal Smith, 41, was sentenced to five months in jail after pleading guilty to peeping into his neighbor's windows. He was charged with five counts of being a Peeping Tom after his lip prints matched ones left on a window in August. Police had lifted the impression in September and obtained a search warrant for Smith's lip marks. The state crime lab said the two matched. Smith told the General District Court judge he was drinking heavily when he peeped into his neighbors' homes. At one point he was chased by a woman's husband and another woman caught him tampering with her window screen.

**Fairfax, Va.**—Garrett Burris did his best to help a friend beat a speeding ticket, but instead he just brought the heat down on himself. Burris, a 20-year-old community college student, brought a stack of law books and texts on radar detection to court, where his friend was challenging a $50 ticket. Burris grilled the trooper for about 30 minutes. During a lunch recess, when a prosecutor questioned Burris, he admitted he is not a lawyer. "I read about radar cases," Burris later explained. "I heard you can beat them, and I just wanted to help my friend." Burris was charged with practicing law without a license, which carries up to a year in jail and a $2,500 fine. His friend was fined $50.

**Santa Rosa, Calif.**—If you love cats, a playful, loving one named Blanco is up for adoption. There is only one not-so-small problem: Weighing nearly 28 pounds, Blanco is one fat cat. "We're still in shock," said Dan Knapp, executive director of the Humane Society of Sonoma County. "It's the biggest we've ever seen." Blanco has long white hair and "looks like a little sheep," Knapp said. The cat was dropped off last week by his owner, who could no longer keep him.

**Hackensack, N.J.**—All units: Be on the lookout for three men in Day-Glo orange on a wooden boat downriver from the county jail. With that bulletin, Bergen County police, scent-tracking dogs and a helicopter took to the riverbank. The three men they nabbed turned out to be scientists with the Environmental Protection Agency collecting water samples on the Hackensack River. What looked like the orange jumpsuits worn by inmates at the county jail were simple windbreakers and pants. Jail officials found no prisoners missing, and the scientists were released after showing ID cards. Undersheriff Jay Alpert said he hoped the EPA would consider a new color scheme. "It's not such a good idea to dress like an inmate if you're hanging around a jail."

# Thomas enlightens Muhlenberg community
## *Discourse Day Keynote Speaker marvels audience*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Similar to Christmas and New Year's, Discourse Day was too much to celebrate in one day. Discourse Day Eve presented Laurence Thomas' captivating lecture, capturing the theme of Discourse Day: *Educating for Character*.
He compared his ways of lecturing to those of Jesus, as he used stories and parables to illustrate his ideas. In one such story, Thomas tried to argue what separates humans from animals. He told, "[Humans] succumb to something called emotional manipulation. Dogs don't give reasons to one another. Cats don't give reasons to one another. Humans do. That's what makes us unique."

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Thomas' major thesis concerned the making of tried convictions. He demonstrated how he challenges his students to make solid arguments about controversial issues. One of the stories he told concerned racism. He says he was privileged to listen to half of a meeting with the Ku Klux Klan. After telling his students in one of his classes at Syracuse University of what he heard, a black woman stood up, cursing at what he had described. Thomas challenged his student. "You are paying $27,000 to attend Syracuse University and cannot produce an argument to refute what you call 'white trash!'"

Another issue which had tried convictions was life and death situations. Whether it be pro-choice/pro-life or assisted suicide and euthanasia, tried convictions must be made. Thomas recounted personally and emotionally his decision to pull the plug on his mother. "I was asked 'Do you want to pull the plug?' On Saturday night, she died. I made that choice."

Thomas claims that what separates humans from animals is emotional manipulation. He contends that professors at Syracuse are affected by this emotional manipulation.

"They dare not criticize a minority student for fear of being called a racist," said Thomas.

Emotional manipulation is what humans are faced with daily. It is what shapes their character. It's what the Muhlenberg community explored on Wednesday. A perfect kick-off to Discourse Day.

# DISCOURSE Day: A Closer Look

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Sistare noted that some topics were more popular than others, although others were geared towards certain majors. "From the Outside In" focused on developing one's own character amidst input from parents and friends. "Character Development and Sports" discussed how sports cause development of certain virtues or vices. "The Sciences and Character Education" was geared for the science major, and discussed how a student can learn values from labs or math class. "Generation Next?" focused on today's cynical college student, and whether he can develop character at college.

"[Discourse Day] should go really well," said Elmer Moore, class of '99 and student leader of the session. "Will I Get Credit for This?" As for the general theme of the day, Moore added, "It's something everyone is interested in; it's also up to the students to make it what they want."

Jason Ross, a senior leading the session, "Forbidden Knowledge," stated that "['Educating for Character'] is good because it doesn't focus on the academics; it's about the whole person, the whole student. It's a well-rounded program." He adds that his session is "in the news right now, with cloning. The question is, is it ethical?"

When asked about ideas for next year's Discourse Day, Sistare replied that the Environmental Studies Coalition would like to have a theme surrounding Environmental Ethics. Also, for next year she would like to find a way to notify students effectively.

# Campus SAFETY notes

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called other females in the hallway between 3:30 and 5:30 AM
2/15/98 – Alcohol Violation/Noise – Walz room 253 – Allentown Police received a noise complaint from a neighbor, Campus Safety went to the room and had the individuals talk to the Allentown Police – Greg Greenberg and Steven Moore were cited and charged with a noise violation and underage drinking
2/15/98 – Fire Alarm – East – humidity from the laundry room
2/16/98 – Disorderly Conduct – 2230 Chew St. – intoxicated visitor Chad Long of 3843 Turner St. in Allentown was charged with disorderly conduct & public drunkenness
2/16/98 – Suspicious Persons – Prosser (east door) – after a short foot-chase by Campus Safety and Allentown Police, three youths were caught and given Letters of Trespass, one, Brad Wilsker, was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol
2/16/98 – Harassment by Communication – Prosser – between 3:30 and 5:30 AM, the same male individual called girls in the same hallway
2/16/98 – Harassment by Communication – Seeger's – Student Life Office – female's voice saying obscene remarks

*Campus Safety recommends that everyone with an answering machine not use his or her name on the answering message. If someone calls your number and gets your name from the machine, they are more likely to call again and ask for you by name.*

# *Weekly Live:* Newspaper editors brings news to new medium

## *Lisa Ansorge '00 and Stefan Miller '99 declare candidacy for student body president*

**by Louis Alloro**
***Weekly* Editor**

*The Muhlenberg Weekly* has entered a new realm of mass media: radio. On Sunday, February 15, Larry Carney (Editor-in-Chief), Brian Teta (Associate Editor), Heidi Herder (Managing Editor), Louis Alloro (News Editor), and C.J. Lenat (Sports Editor) hosted the premier show of Weekly Live on WMUH 91.7 FM.

The show will be held every Sunday at 6 pm to open a new forum to discuss community issues. During the premier show, editors discussed the various articles in this week's publication including the possible housing crunch caused by the influx of first-year students and the issue of the use of rophyinol on campus.

Herder commented that "the procedure Campus Safety uses for alerting the community of sexual assault is ridiculous. It is our right as students to know of such instances within twenty-four hours of their occurrences."

Carney reported on the severe rise of harassment by communication circumstances that have been flooding Campus Safety Notes. He stressed how each reporting has been followed by an "Investigation Continuing" note but wondered why Caller-ID systems have nof yet been installed in the victim's rooms. Teta noted that "Campus Safety owns only four Caller ID Boxes for use by students. The number of calls outnumber the amount of ID Boxes significantly."

In addition to discussing topics in last week's edition, the editors welcomed the first two guests to the show, Lisa Ansorge '00 and Stefan Miller '99, both of whom publicly declared their intention to run for Student Body President in the upcoming election. Both candidates were unsure of their definite platform but feel that after long deliberation, they will both be strong candidates. Ansorge believes that if elected as a rising junior, she would not have the potential to "burn out" during the latter part of her term as most seniors often do. Miller contested that he "will have the time to dedicate and the mindset to endure to the very end," he said.

During the show, one local community member called the station and said, "*The Weekly* staff is doing a wonderful job bringing their normal medium to radio. I look forward to next weeks show," she said.

Weekly Live will broadcast their second show next Sunday at 6 pm.

# Muhlenberg 'bubble' has broken

## *Phi Sigma Sigma sister's car stolen from lot*

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* News Writer**

During the middle of the night of February 10, an unusual and unfortunate incident occurred in the Phi Sigma Sigma parking lot. A 1990 Buick Century, belonging to senior Lisa Andrews, a Phi Sigma sister, was stolen from the Phi Sigma Sigma parking lot. Although police have been searching, the car thieves and the Buick have not been found.

The Exiter Police showed up at Lisa's parent's house at 6:30 in the morning in search of the owner of the Buick. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews gave the police their daughter's phone number at Muhlenberg. The police called Lisa at 6:45 asking her if she knows the location of her car. At that point Lisa realized her car was stolen.

The car thieves used Lisa's car to rob an appliance store in Exiter, Pennsylvania. The jack from her car was left in the store and was crucial in tracking the car to Lisa since the serial number was labeled on it.

When asked how she feels about this situation, Lisa replies, "It is really bizarre—it hasn't hit me yet." She laughs, and says, "It is really random." She had nothing of value in the car, the purpose of the theft was solely for an appliance robbery. Lisa used her car all the time and says, "I have always had a car at Muhlenberg, so it is a pain not to have one."

A Phi Sigma Sigma sister, who wants to remain anonymous, says, "I am scared to leave my Jetta in the parking lot after this incident." Most students who have cars at Muhlenberg are not alarmed by this isolated incident since car theft is rare occurrence at this college.

***Lisa Andrews' car was recently stolen***

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety says, "People need to be aware of their surroundings. In a parking lot, if something is strange, call campus safety from a call box." Lupole's advice to keep your car safe is, "If you do not have a car alarm—look into getting one, or a 'Club' which locks the steering wheel. Any precautions to lengthen the time it will take to steel a car is going to be a deterrent."

Lupole wants to assure the students that, "We are taking extra steps to ensure safety with more officers on foot and on bike.

Dean Rudy Ehrenberg says, "We are all troubled that these things happen. We have an alert campus security group and will heighten patrolling." He went on to say, "It is an unfortunate reflection on our society that these things happen—Muhlenberg is not immune to this."

The advice he gives to Muhlenberg students is, " We have to realize that when out late at night—be alert of unknown people and suspicious cars."

This car theft should reflect to this community that although it is small and rather safe, we are not shielded from the rest of society. Everyone should take the extra precaution to be careful of their persons and belongings.

# Around Campus

*Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

**Muhlenberg Theatre Ensemble** will present *Top Girls* this month in Empie Theatre, February 19-21 at 8 pm and February 21-22 at 2 pm. *Top Girls*, by Caryl Churchill, is an eight woman show. Tickets are $4 for Muhlenberg students.

**The Reverend H. George Anderson, presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Muhlenberg College.** Egner Memorial Chapel, Sunday, February 22, 4 pm. A reception will follow in the Hoffman House.

A workshop entitled ***Style Manuals*** will be held in Trexler Library, Monday, February 23 at 3 pm.

A lecture entitled ***Balancing Resources and Population Demands*** will be discussed by Peter Kostmeyer in Trumbower 130 on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm.

A performance of **Na'ade: Nommo American African Dance Ensemble** will be held in Brown Dance Studio on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm. Reservations are required; call x3335.

**The Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra** with Martha Schrempel, Piano Soloist, will perform in Empie Theatre, Friday and Saturday, February 27-28 at 8 pm. For ticket reservations, call 266-8555.

**Muses: Now taking submissions!** Deadline: February 26! Check out our posters for more information or call Matthew x4212 or Sharon 821-4951.

**Muses presents the Academy of American Poets' Annual University and College Poetry Contest.** A prize of $100 will be awarded for the best poem or group of poems (no more than 3) by a student. Send submissions to Dr. Alec Marsh, CA 265, English Dept. by Friday February 26.

**OCDP will hold a *Resume-O-Thon*** on Thursday, February 19 from 11:30 am-2:00 pm in the Lobby of Seegers Union. OCDP staff will critique resumes on the spot in a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, stop by the OCDP.

**The Community Service Office is sponsoring the *Dr. Seuss Book Drive.*** The book drive will be held from February 16-27. The books will be donated to local Allentown inner-city students. Please bring any children's books to the bin in the union or bring a money donation to Loretta in the Student Activities Office. Questions? Call Sherry at x4303 or Jill at x4492. Thank you very much.

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**Interested in writing for the *Weekly* News Section?**
**Contact Louis Alloro at x3187 or lalloro@hal**

# Laughter on everyone's guest list

## Uninvited Guests *take part in National College Comedy Festival at Skidmore*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Chaos. Pure chaos.

This is the only way to describe my interview with the *Uninvited Guests*; quite possibly the best interview I have ever conducted.

Afterwards, only one thing was clear in my mind: these are the funniest people I have ever encountered.

This was an experience unlike any other I have had. I can honestly say that I have never laughed so hard in my life.

*Uninvited Guests* embody true comedy.

Ian Alderman, Ryan "Snoop" Gardener, Rev. Adam Matyseck, Elmer Moore Jr., Ruben Ortiz, and William Vonroth III make up the group, along with manager Sam Stein and crew members Dan DeBlaslo and Ken Baldino.

Upon meeting this motley crew, they fired away jokes and random remarks with unbelievable spontaneity and abandon.

Always on, they embody a true comedy group.

So how exactly did the *Uninvited Guests* come to be? According to Alderman, the idea came to him, Matyseck and Moore about halfway through last year.

Soon after, Ortiz, Gardener, and Vonroth joined them and hilarity ensued...

For their first show, they did an RHA-sponsored study break in the Red Door at the end of spring semester.

Since then, *Uninvited Guests* have performed at Muhlenberg several times, as well as at Allentown College, Clark University, and recently at Skidmore College for their National College Comedy Festival.

A typical (if anything the *Uninvited Guests* do can be described as such) show includes a variety of sketches, improvs, dance, and music—they attempt to incorporate as much as possible into their act.

Carrying over into every show are their "Paper Bag Heads," characters that they created as segues between sketches. Alderman describes them as "weird and neat."

He continues, "They're funny, but they always make the audience stop and think."

At the National College Comedy Festival, 14 colleges were represented, including comedy troupes from the likes of Harvard, Bryn Mawr and Tufts.

Sophomore at Skidmore Marni Richman, who attended the Comedy Festival, said, "Their comedy was so different from the other groups, but that only made their talent stand out more."

"We represented Muhlenberg extremely well," said Moore. "It became apparent to us that our show truly was different. We had new ideas, were technically proficient, used more physical comedy and had a high energy level. Also as the only male group, we really stood out."

And why isn't there a female in the troupe? The "*Guests*" contend that because of their strong friendship, there are no boundaries in their comedy. They have a chemistry which is both captivating and undeniable. They have yet to meet a female whose chemistry gels well with theirs.

Still, "Snoop," who loves his mother, contends that "we are all still women in our hearts."

Moore and other "*Guests*" also remarked on the talent of other troupes, particularly Cheap Socks from Tufts.

At the Festival, *Uninvited Guests* represented Muhlenberg, but did so without financial backing from the college. They raised the money by selling T-shirts around campus.

The Festival was sponsored by the Improv Olympics, which is a nationally known institution that trains 10 young comedians per year.

"The Improv Olympics are basically like a Julliard for comedy," explained Alderman. "It's on par with Second City (starting place of Dan Akroyd, and the late John Belushi and Chris Farley) or Chicago City Limits."

At the Festival, Kevin Mullaney, director of the Improv Olympics, gave a 2 hour workshop, and there was also a question and answer panel.

During the Festival, each troupe was given opportunities to perform a variety of sketches and improvisations within a 20 minute time period.

Additionally, they also traveled last weekend to perform a show in Worchester, MA, which they said was a "good show with a good turnout."

The *Uninvited Guests* have planned 3 charity events for the spring semester.

First, they will raffle off the chance to win a date with all of them. "It's *not* a take-your-clothes-off date, it's more of an opportunity to laugh at how ridiculous we all are," said Stein.

"Well, she can take her clothes off if she really wants to," amended Moore, evoking dirty looks from Stein, Alderman and the extremely courteous and genial Vonroth.

They will also raffle off chances for someone to appear in a part of their show.

On April 17, they will perform in the Red Door, where they will be asking for $1 donation for charity.

After the show, they will sponsor a Fla-Vor Ice party in the Underground, in the tradition of OJ and Kool Aid parties.

"They're really full of energy and very spontaneous. It was worth not going out that night to catch the show. I'm definitley looking forward to the next one. Also, I'll be the first one in line to but a ticket for that date. Maybe I'll even buy a few," said Samantha Thomas.

After attending the Comedy Festival at Skidmore, *Uninvited Guests* contemplated the idea of having a comedy festival here at Muhlenberg.

In fact, they have talked to administrative officials, including President Taylor, Dean Rudy Ehrenberg, Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner, and MTA Director Charlie Richter about hosting a similar festival.

If a comedy festival is in fact held at Muhlenberg, it would obviously be on a much smaller scale.

Only 5 or 6 other schools would attend, and they would be invited by Muhlenberg College.

Still, hosting such a festival is only an idea, and has not been confirmed, although it is being worked on.

As for their future Moore claims "We're trying to go as far as we possibly can. We'd like to take our material into New York."

"I think that *Uninvited Guests* are hilarious. With their senses of humor and the way they aren't afraid to do anything, I really think that they could 'make it big' one day," said Ellen Gerber.

With their talents and with the help of Scott Lazar, who does all of their filming, editing, compiling and promotional work, they might be able to actualize their dream.

As said by John Q. Battenfeld, Esq., "*Uninvited Guests* are rock stars!"

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# Dave Binder entertains on Valentine's Day

**by Fouad Saleet**
**Entertainment Writer**

For the past several years, Dave Binder has been entertaining the students of Muhlenberg College. Every Valentine's Day he can be found in The Red Door crooning to a multitude of 'Berg couples and fans.

Unlike most musical acts, Binder does not have a set list. He relies exclusively on audience requests. Due to the nature of the holiday, many requested love songs and dedicated them to a boyfriend or a girlfriend. However, some students dedicated songs to friends and others yet, requested not -so- mushy tunes including Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer" and OMC's "How Bizarre."

Although Jame's Taylor's "You've got a Friend" and "Your Smiling Face" are requested at almost every Binder performance, it seems as if Binder could play any song at all.

The crowd's favorite song, by a landslide was Binder's rendition of "American Pie." It was almost impossible to discern his version from the original.

Binder's voice has a quality much like James Taylor. In fact, he even looks a little like the folk singer.

His Taylor-like quality however proves both a plus and minus. For James Taylor and Paul Simon songs, one could actually mistake him for these musicians. But, as far as modern tunes go, he has a tendency to alter them to suit his voice.

"I like Binder's renditions of the James Taylor songs the best," commented sophomore Ellen Gerber. "They seemed to come most naturally to him and showed off his soft sweet voice better than many of the more modern songs."

Feedback from most students who attended his performance was positive. Sophomore Kevin "Doughboy" Averill described Binder's performance as "totally radical."

The amazing thing about Dave is that he is truly a one man band. He plays the guitar and has an array of synthesized beats and effects that he uses for accompaniment.

He is an extremely talented musician who relates well to college crowds.

Sophomore Jason Carfara commented, "I laughed and cried. I ran the whole gamut of emotions. I give him two thumbs up."

Some students however shared the opinion of one audience member who complained, "I can't stand to hear him butcher the music."

Another part of Binder's act which tends to wear thin after a while are his long, involved segues between songs. Some students were bored with them, and complained about their length.

"Binder has put on really good shows here and he is very musically talented. My only complaint about his act is that he talks so much between songs. If you're really into the music, his segues tended to be more than a little tedious," said Heidi Herder.

Binder has almost become a fixture in the lives of Muhlenberg students.

In fact, some couples have incorporated Dave's performance into their yearly Valentine's Day routine, and claim that a Valentine's Day would not be complete without Dave.


# This Weekend :

**Illusion Run**
(student band)

Friday
Red Door Cafe
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(student band)

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## Got problems? Got questions? Need answers?

## *Just ask Betty and Bonnie*

*Dear Betty and Bonnie,*

*In the beginning of the school year, I became friends with this guy who always seemed to be alone and had few friends. I went out of my way to make him feel comfortable and become part of our group. Within a few weeks his personality had completely changed and he became a different person. He acts as if he is better than everyone else and thinks he is "the bomb." I cannot stand being around him any longer. What should I do?*

*Sincerely,*
*Upset*

**Dear Upset,**
**You need to sit back and relax—you have already done your dirty work. Let your friend have time in the spot light. You might be jealous now, but you need to sit down with him and put him in his place. Don't worry about it too much. If you care about him as your friend, then you will learn to accept him for who he is.**

# Your *Weekly* Horoscope

## By Jenna McCallister

### Aries

This weekend will prove very interesting for you. Keep an open mind to new possibilities, and you will not be disappointed. An upcoming project will prove much more difficult than expected. However, don't give up easily, the end result will more than make up for the struggle. Ask a friend for help to make the job easier if you begin to get frustrated.

### Taurus

Well, haven't you been quite the party animal lately? Looks like your class attendence has suffered greatly as a result. Be very careful, this may come back to haunt you late in the semester. Don't dig a hole you can't get out of. Financial troubles will be eased soon, so just watch your spending for a little while longer.

### Gemini

A lucratice offer will fall into your lap. Don't let this one pass you by or you might be sorry later. You've been feeling a little tired and worn lately. Try exercising--even though it might wear you out temporarily, you'll feel better in the long-run. Now is the time to catch up on jobs and projects because the next 2 weeks will be hectic. Just don't overdo it.

### Cancer

It seems a lot of people have been getting annoyed with you lately and you can't figure out why. Well, you haven't exactly been a pleasant person to be around recently. Just try to relax a little bit moreand be more respectful of those around you. You will experience a big change in the upcoming weeks and it will definitely be exciting for you.

### Leo

Two good friends have been involved in a pretty ugly dispute. Whatever you do, don't get involved in the situation no matter how hard they try to pull you in. If you open your mouth, both people will most likely wind up taking out their frustrations on you. Take it easy this weekend. Use the opportunity to catch up on sleep, and maybe even some school work.

### Virgo

Don't allow minor problems in your love life to get you down. Everybody has some small problems and they always work themselves out. Just sit back for a while and let everything blow over. Try spending some more quality time with that special someone--that may solve most of your problems. Remember to take some time to enjoy yourself. If you don't, you'll blow up from stress sometime in the near future.

### Libra

This weekend will provide an excellent opportunity for you to get closer to someone you have had your eyes on fo rsome time now. Just don't be shy and let this opportunity pass you by again. Keep you ear close to the ground because some gossip may come your way which could help you out. Save this information until you can best use it to your advantage.

### Scorpio

Someone close to you has been dragging you down for quite a while. You have already proven what a good friend you are, but enough is enough. Don't let anyone take you down with them--you don't need or want to be a martyr. Look to the future for the answers to concerns you currently hold. The answer may not be available right away.

### Sagittarius

So, you've fallen madly in love--again. Just sit back and take it easy so you don't get hurt. A more conservative approach might be better for you right now. You will score a big victory this week. Be very proud of yourself, and don't let anyone try to minimize your accomplishments.

### Capricorn

You have been absolutley drowning in work lately. Although you have crazy amounts of work to deal with now, look on the bright side. In the upcoming weeks, you'll have lots of free time while everyone else runs around like chickens with their heads cut off. Even though you are busy now, use those few spare moments to catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while.

### Aquarius

Everything seems to be going great for you. It's about time you were able to throw all of your worries away and just have a great time. Just keep your eyes open and consciously avoid any situation which could get ugly. You will receive a sorely needed influx of cash sometime this week. Don't spend it all too quickly or you will be in trouble.

### Pisces

You want more time to have fun and party. You would have that time if you stopped procrastinating. The faster you finish your work the faster you can start to have fun. A new love interest will surface in the next two weeks. Enjoy it while you can because it is not clear if it will work out in thelong-run.


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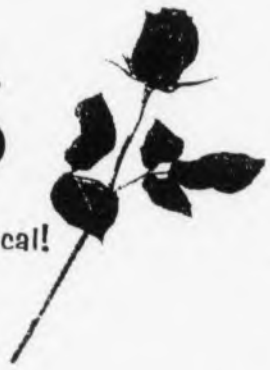

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# Letters to the Editor

## "Under Siege" Debated

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to the column "Under Siege" in the February 12th edition of *The Weekly*. The column focused on college athletes who leave school early to pursue a future in professional sports. Although I believe C.J. is correct in his general thesis. "Education is the most highly regarded commodity in this country today," this is not so in the case of athletes.

Most college athletes who are talented enough to make a living out of playing sports do not go to college for academic reasons. An education is a bonus. However, is there really anything wrong with that? These athletes are providing a service to the college and in return, get to showcase their talents to prospective professional teams. Most Americans do not even attend college. Does this mean that they are not valuable to society? Of course education is a valuable asset, but these athletes are going to college as a stepping stone to their career—playing sports.

C.J. contends that many athletes who leave college early do not make it to the professional level. What statistics back up this statement? From the college athletes I have seen, the ones who are not only talented enough to go pro, but are also talented to go pro early, usually *do* make it at the pro level. Not all of them end up being the superstars they were predicted to be, but they still earn a living in professional sports. Without college, their talents might have gone unnoticed.

C.J. asks," who can blame these athletes for leaving college early to make money?" On this point he is correct. But the rest of the article contradicts this idea. Many families of these athletes struggle financially. After growing up underprivileged, who would turn down the chance to not only live comfortably, but live luxuriously? College athletes who turn down million dollar contracts should stay in school and take a finance class! I would highly doubt that many Muhlenberg students would turn down a million dollar job in exchange for leaving college early.

Respectfully,
David Robb
Class of 2000

## P.E. Changes Criticized

To the Editor-

The physical education requirement is under question. What changes is the faculty considering?

One- Let me tell you how we developed a fine physical education. During the 1970's, Ray Whispell, Director of athletics and head of the department of physical education, assigned Helene Hospodar, Sam Beidleman, and Ronald Lauchnor to see how we could improve the present program. What came out of this was a new program- the elective program. A student had to fulfill eight quarters of physical education to graduate and two of those quarters had to be in an individual sport- golf, tennis, badminton, are some examples.

Two- Our intramural program was exciting and competitive under Bill Flamish (later under Sam Beidleman). In all IM sports there was a good following at these events. This program was scheduled after all varsity sports had completed their practice sessions. Weekends were used for makeup only.

Three- These activities all took place with Memorial Hall being the only recreational area.

Four: Intramural sports lasted until about 10:30 P.M. Preseason baseball practice was held from that time until midnight.

Summary- It seems to me that along the way from the period that I have previously summed up to the present time, the people in charge have let the program slide. Popular courses such as biking, badminton, and X-Country skiing are no longer offered. Since the requirement has been cut to only four courses, we have become Wellness-heavy by requiring that two of these four courses be in wellness offerings. Unfortunately, the original goal of introducing our students to activities with carry-over value-potential for lifetime activities- is no longer a top priority.

I met one of my students, with his wife and three married couples, in the Lehigh Gorge on bicycles. He said that the biking class at college was the start of his biking interest. I have heard these same comments from other alums. Yes, THIS program was a good one.

Kenneth T. Moyer
Professor Emeritus

# Striving for Any Student Responses

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnists

Do you ever think about things? Do you ever wonder how many Muhlenberg College students type at various computers around campus after they've just come back from relieving themselves at the bathrooms without washing their hands after they've urinated? Do you ever think that a casual glance at an attractive person, of the opposite sex, is the first step in a elaborate chain of events leading up to a sexual encounter? Do you ever wonder how much sex, or food, clothing, and shelter, or something else undermine our entire meager existence?

I've been thinking about the purpose of writing this column.. and I've come up to an impasse'. ..This is usually what one encounter's when they are attempting to recall or compute some memory or theory in their minds and they can't. It's what happens when you almost have it disciphered, or it's on the tip of your tongue, but you cannot -for the life of you- remember what it is you are thinking of. It's when you know the general vicinity of the knowledge/memory you are searching for, but you can't pinpoint it. This is the point that I've come to. This point where I know the general nature and ideas underlying my article's ,and why I write them, but I cannot understand what it is -exactly- that I'm doing here.

Now I'm sure that for some of you this is probably a good thing to hear. I can almost hear people cheering now. I know that you're either thinking, "'Thank God he's finished writing those damn articles that put down Muhlenberg and quite often offend people ['us', a.k.a. the student body]'", or you're thinking, "Hey maybe he's finally going to get a clue as to the main idea's/point's that underlie his weekly rambling's!" I don't know, I really don't..

I'm standing here in the middle of Allentown —more directly the center of the known universe, Muhlenberg— screaming my lungs out trying to get a response out of someone, anyone? The only time that I've achieved this is when my articles have reached a new level.

The level of utter absurdity, where there are so many off-color comments swiftly flying through the air, when I figure that, "I'm bound to 'get a rise' out of someone with this week's article." So I've decided to move to Montana where I won't offend anyone. In Montana I can scream my head off and the only thing around to listen to me will be the mountains, streams, rocks, and wildlife. Somehow, to me, these ironically contradicting scenario's don't seem too different. In Montana I'm sure to get a response from knocking down a nest of yellow-jackets, but if I were to convey my opinions to them... nothing, no response.

I guess that I'm basically writing these offensive, or 'thought-provoking' columns; as I call them, in order to make people wonder. Descartes would say, "Wonder is the first of all passions; and it has no opposite, because if the object which presents itself has nothing in it that suprises us, we are in no wise moved regarding it, and we consider it without passion." If I make people wonder then I've achieved the goal that I've set in undertaking this responsibility. If I write columns that offend people or my off-color comments make you see red, good! At least I've suprised you. If there's nothing in these weekly ramblings that presents itself to you as an opposite opinion, you won't and don't take the time to think about it. You may not even take the time to read or consider it. This is the point!! Just because my articles offend or suprise you, just because my articles cause you to be passionate in your temperament, doesn't imply that something less- offensive in it's nature shouldn't evoke the same response.

So I'm going to continue to be offensive, maybe even border on the foul. Why, I don't know? But I think it has something to do with respiration and consciousness. These are two aspects of society lacking here. Being stimulated shouldn't have to involve getting angry... stimulation, is a natural reaction to life.

# Laundry Fun Disturbed by Ignorance

by Kristyn Wolfrom-Hallowell
*Weekly* Writer

The scene is set- 10 am on a Saturday morning. The place: the community laundry room in your communal living quarters. Circumstances: You carefully devise a plan of unparalleled intellect- sacrificing precious slumber to accomplish the mundane task of laundry in a hassle (i.e.. PEOPLE) free environment. (A stroke of genius in your mind, for what moron would want to do laundry at this hour on cartoon day?) You arrive on the scene and relish in the silence of an empty room, especially because your head is pounding from the previous nights gallavanting. Methodically, you insert your quarters into all four washing machines- admonishing the fact that there really is a God.

Besides, the last time you did laundry was sometime before Clinton was a known philanderer. You carefully calculate so that each washer will end at the same time, while basking in the glory of finally practicing good time management. You walk away from the hallowed cleansing ground and congratulate yourself on doing something productive- realizing of course that you will have the rest of the day to procrastinate from doing anything else meaningful. 26 minutes later- you return as the last sounds of the spin cycle taper off. You remove cleansed articles and place them in their respective dryers- once again perfectly synchronized. (You even remember the dryer sheets!) 40 minutes passes and you gleam with a self-satisfied smile- knowing the Promised Land awaits, and soon you can climb back into bed.

You arrive at the door of the laundry room with an empty basket in your hands- when Horror of all Horror's- someone has removed your laundry from the dryers and placed their own damp articles in. Beyond that, your vestments are randomly strewn across all four machines. You know that your time has not expired, someone has shot your perfect morning to hell, the phantom culprit will remain in anonymity, and besides that your jeans are not totally dry yet!! Trudging from the buzzing room with your damp and wrinkled laundry in tow, your headache has returned. You solemnly swear to stay in bed next Saturday. (After, of course, stealing the box of dryer sheets left behind by the unknown laundry doing loser. Justified you are in action for he who fails to practice common courtesy in matters of dirty laundry, stands to suffer.)

The aforementioned is a hypothetical situation meant to illustrate a small segment of the Laundry Room woes. Endnote to anonymous violators of the common courtesy code- beware- one day you too may fall victim to the actions which you yourself perpetrate. The angrily scrawled notices posted in magic marker defaming your discourteous actions are not simply suggestions. I know that we all would appreciate a little grace period in order to empty our over-filled dryers. Remember- patience is a virtue, and furthermore, no one enjoys having their private collection of underwear on display for the masses. I know common courtesy will prevail- and we will once again do laundry in peace.

# Meetings in Progress

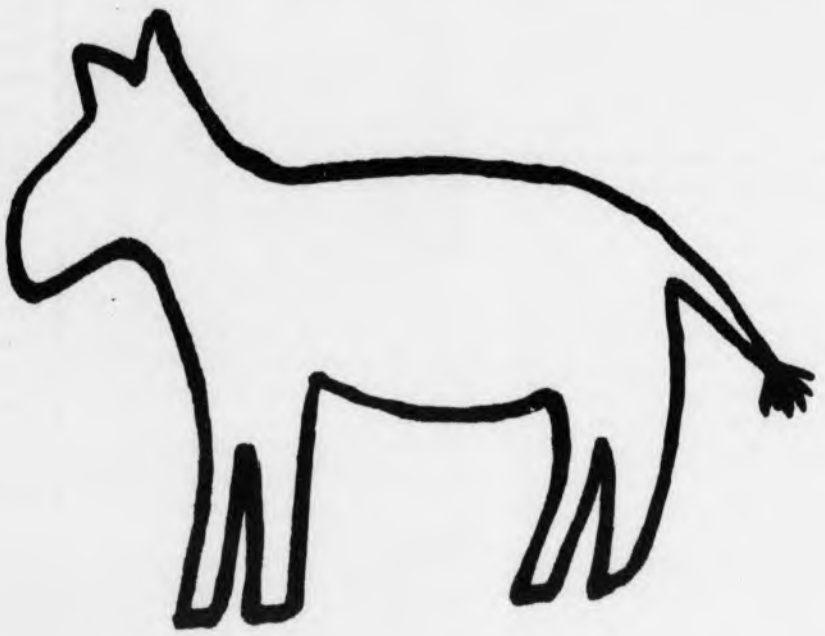
Council Update
by Barry Engel
Class of 2001 Rep.

**The Athletic Committee has devoted hard work and hours at many a meeting in creating a general survey to get insight on fitness equipment and the weight room. They are also busy at work discussing the possibility of an ultimate frisbee IM, and fundraisers that may help in defraying costs.**The Food Committee has been holding meetings with the Wood Company and are currently pleased with the action station in the Garden Room and subtle changes you notice in GQ and the Red Door (including the great new look the Red Door is sporting!). Meetings are open to all and comments are always welcome!**The **finance committee** has put in many hours and serious thoughts concerning allocations to the various groups on campus. The finance committee is not only important but also strongly appreciated.**The **academic, communications, and campus awareness committees** are at work as usual, trying to create a more well-informed, student accessible situation on campus. While many of their tasks are intangible, they are a vital part to student awareness on campus. Any input? Your student council representatives were elected to listen to and help you, the students. So let them know your suggestions and ideas! **Talks of **Seegers Union renovation** are being handled and discussed. Meetings have been set up to further clarify the situation.**The **Classes** are all involved in bringing their information to Student Council. Questions on class events should be directed at your individual class officers and/or reps.**The **executive council** of your student body has been diligent and responsible in handling ideas, key issues, and brainstorming sessions on future events and how we can get more acquainted with the individual organizations on this campus. We are also open to suggestions, so feel free to share! **Questions?Comments?Concerns? You know you to talk to! Student Council is here to look out for the best interests of the student!**

# The World According to Me

## by Josh Northridge

## "Profile of a Mule"



# Under Siege

***A weekly column examining the problems facing sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

I love baseball. It's my favorite sport. I've played baseball for over half my life, and watched it even longer. I wouldn't consider myself anywhere near an expert on baseball, but I think I know at least as much as the average well-informed fan.

This season, two new expansion teams are joining the Major League Baseball family; the Arizona Diamondbacks, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. As of Tuesday, the two teams' official rosters boasted a combined seventy-seven players. Of those seventy-seven, I've heard of thirty-one of them. And by heard of them, I'm talking about players like Matt Williams and Wade Boggs who are household names. There are others whose names I only vaguely remember hearing such as Brooks Kieschnick and Bryan Rekar.

Major League Baseball was already suffering from a shortage of quality players before expansion, and now the league is even more watered-down.

More home runs are hit with each new season. Analysts debate whether it's due to better conditioned hitters, or new ways of making bats and balls. I think it's due to the extreme lack of pitching. There are so many teams in the league now with such a demand for pitchers that young prospects who belong in the minors are brought up to the major leagues in increasing abundance.

Major League Baseball continues to expand. The more teams: the more money the league receives. It's as simple as that. But when will baseball reach it's "critical point?" When will there be so many teams that the demand for players is too great?

It's already getting close. Most teams in the league have two or three quality starting pitchers, and two, maybe three quality relievers. That's less than half of the total pitchers on each team.

The league needs to come to the realization that having quality players is more important than having a large number of teams.

But there is a good side to baseball expansion: more aspiring major-leaguers will be given a chance to realize their dreams. But will these players make it because their talent warrants it, or because the teams need anyone who can throw a baseball with a semblance of accuracy?

# National Sports Update for the week of February 19

**compiled by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
***Weekly* editor**

**Philadelphia**—Forward Joe Smith, the No. 1 pick in the 1995 draft, was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers Tuesday in a four-player deal that sent Jim Jackson to the Golden State Warriors. The 76ers also got Brian Shaw, with forward Clarence Witherspoon going to Golden State. Both Smith and Jackson will be free agents at the end of this season.

**Minneapolis**—John Randle became the NFL's highest-paid defensive player ever when he agreed to stay with the Minnesota Vikings for $32.5 million over five years. The contract for the All-Pro defensive lineman includes a $10 million signing bonus, surpassing the previous team-record $6 million the Vikings gave to offensive tackle Todd Steussie last week.

**Nagano, Japan**—Gretchen Ulion and Shelley Looney scored power play goals as the United States won the first-ever gold medal in women's hockey with a 3-1 win over Canada on Tuesday. Canada's Danielle Goyotte scored with four minutes left in the game to cut the U.S. lead to 2-1, but American Sandra Whyte sealed the win with an empty-net goal with 8 seconds remaining in regulation.

**New York**—Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Jorge Fabregas lost his salary arbitration case Tuesday, giving the player $875,000 instead of $1.5 million. Last year Fabregas hit .258 for the Chicago White Sox, with seven homers and 51 RBIs and made $275,000.

**Rancho Mirage, Calif.**—A sudden change in heart rhythm was blamed for the collapse of Chicago Cubs voice Harry Caray. The 78-year-old Caray remained in critical but stable condition after being admitted on Saturday night after falling at a local nightclub. He has been calling major league games for more than fifty years.

**New York**—Latrell Sprewell's arbitration hearing concluded Monday with 7 1/2 hours of closing arguments, most of which focused on the player's grievance against the NBA for suspending him for one year. Sprewell attended all nine days of the hearing, which began in Portland on Jan. 27. The Golden State Warriors and NBA banished him for attacking coach P.J. Carlesimo in December. A decision in the case is expected sometime in the next month.

# Lacrosse team looks forward to promising 1998 season

**by Eric Hilderbrand**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The women's lacrosse season starts in a little over a month, but the ladies are already practicing hoping for a productive season. The Lady Mules went 7-7 last year, the school's best record in history. The team's Head Coach Laurie Kerr hopes to continue the improvement.

The team is relatively young with only three seniors and four juniors, and only lost two players to graduation. The Lady Mules will be led by senior co-captains Rebecca Dunbrack, Ashley Mawson and Amanda Sciarra.

Sciarra was recently named a pre-season All-American by College Coaches' Lacrosse Association's Division III voters and should be a key player in Muhlenberg's success.

The team hopes to continue its strong defensive play of last season while improving offensively.

"We need more balance on offense...We need 3,4 or 5 people with twenty or more goals," Coach Kerr said.

The Mules hope the heavily recruited class of 2001 can help fill the gaps of last season.

"There are some immediate impact players [in the class]" Kerr stated.

The team is optimistic about the season and hopes to build from last years' record.

"We have high hopes after being .500 last year," sophomore Virgina Walsh said, "we're looking forward to a great season."

The team will face a major rule change this year as well. The number of players that can enter the critical scoring area for each team has been limited to 7 this year.

This should not have a great impact on the Muhlenberg team because they do not pack the scoring area. It could, however, pose a problem for some of the stronger teams.

The girls' lacrosse team opens it's season Thursday, March 12th in a scrimmage at home versus Cedar Crest at 4pm. The team will face tough challenges this year including John Hopkins, whose team is ranked 4th in the nation, and Hartwick, who were the ECAC champions last year.

**Many positions are now available on the *Weekly* sports staff, including writers and editors. For more information, stop by the office or call x3187.**

The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Kim Brady has been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Caller of the Week. Kim Brady has been an ideal student-caller exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. Her great ability as a fund raiser has been instrumental in this year's higly successful Phonathon. As the recipient of the award, Kim Brady has been given gift certificates donated by Outback and Friday's who have been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.

# Profile of a Mule: Mandy Sciarra

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent Muhlenberg athletes*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

Being an athlete in today's world is hard enough, let alone being a student athlete, especially at an academically respected institution such as Muhlenberg.

Finding time to balance school work and practice time is a burden that few students choose to tackle. To find students who are successful at both ventures, the list shortens.

Mandy Sciarra, a senior Lacrosse player, not only chooses to accept this situation once a year, but all year. She was also a member of the Field Hockey team in the fall, and has been for her four years here.

Mandy is a unique and talented person, which is why her teammates chose her to be their captain in both sports.

Mandy began playing Lacrosse in seventh grade, and developed her skills throughout high school. Mandy hails from Lower Gwynedd, and when graduation came it was time for her to make plans for the future.

"I applied to other schools in our conference that were equal academically. I chose Muhlenberg because I could play two sports," she said.

She came here, and has been a valuable asset to both teams she has played for. However, when it comes down to it, she likes to play Lacrosse a little bit more.

"The pace of the game is much faster in Lacrosse. It is the kind of game where things happen real quickly. You have to be on your toes," she said.

Mandy has had an exceptional career here. She has been a four-year starter at her third man position.

(That is a defensive position for those, who like me, do not know Lacrosse).

Last year she was a major ingredient in the team posting its best season ever in its thirteen-year existence of the sport.

Mandy's play earned her post-season honors as well. She was named to the Centennial Conference second team, but even more impressive, she was named to the second team of the Regional All-American team. Congratulations Mandy!

This year the team hopes to continue in its rise in play.

"I think we will continue to grow and develop as a team. I think the incline will be less steep, but I still think there is a ways to go. I think we will improve, and in the near future become a powerhouse of the conference," Mandy said.

Mandy has been there through all the changes. From a not-so successful freshman season, to a record setting season last year.

"The program has definitely come a long way. Down the road, I can see us being the team to beat year after year," Mandy said.

Mandy is a great leader on the field. She is one who plays with a lot of emotion, and can let her teammates feed off that energy.

She is also an instinctive player. Mandy makes plays that will leave you open mouthed trying to figure out how she did it.

On top of all of this, Mandy is a great person. Besides being an all-star on the field, she does it in the classroom as well.

She is a Math and Business dual major. That is not the easiest path to take, let alone balancing two sports with it.

However, Mandy never complains, she just smiles and accepts the challenge, and there are few challenges she cannot handle.

## On Deck at the 'Berg

**Men's Basketball: Sat. 2/21 home vs. Ursinus @ 8:00, Wed. 2/25 home for Centennial Conference Semi-Finals @ 8:00**

**Women's Basketball: Sat. 2/21 at Ursinus, Wed. 2/25 home for Centennial Conference Semi-Finals @ 6:00**

**Wrestling: Fri.-Sat. 2/20-2/21 at East Regionals**

# Lady Mules clinch Eastern Division title

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A quiet star, Waterbury has stealthily but steadily worked to push her scoring average over the 10-point mark.

Senior Sarah Bedi recently entered the school record books becoming only the fourth player in history with 800 points and 500 rebounds.

A record breaker in the making, freshman Jessica Drennan continues to shine—shooting 61.8 percent from the field in her last 14 games.

Drennan leads the Centennial Conference with a season shooting percentage of .595 which also tops the 'Berg record of .559 set during the 1988-89 season.

This dynamic group faced off against Dickinson on Valentine's Day and cupid was on their side as they recorded a 73-59 victory.

Besides the contribution of Waterbury, Roth added 15 points and had a career best 7 assists. Drennan reached double digits again, knocking in 10 points.

The Lady Mules wrapped up the division title on Tuesday as they defeated cellar-dweller Swarthmore by a score of 54-27.

The 27 points scored by Swarthmore is a new Centennial Conference record low.

In winning their fifth in a row, the Lady Mules held the Garnet to a paltry 17 percent shooting.

It was the fewest points allowed by a Muhlenberg women's team since a 92-25 defeat of Haverford 11 years ago.

Sophomore Valerie Uras scored a career-high 11 points, hitting all four of her shots, including three three-pointers.

The Lady Mules will play Ursinus on Saturday, and then will square off against either Gettysburg or Western Maryland next Wednesday at Memorial Hall at 6:00 in a Semi-Final matchup.

The men's game will immediately follow the women's game.

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# Mules win Centennial Conference Eastern Division

## *Seven-game win streak propels Muhlenberg to fourth title in five years*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

For the fourth time in the past five years, the Muhlenberg College men's basketball team is the Eastern Division champion of the Centennial Conference.

The Mules clinched the title with a seven game win streak that started with a win over Stevens Tech on January 27. Before that win, the Mules were a mere 6-9, losing eight of their last ten games. The seven game streak is the longest for the Mules since their 1995 conference championship season.

After Tuesday, the Mules hold an overall conference record of 8-3, and a three game lead over Washington, who are in second place in the East. Johns Hopkins is in first place in the Western Division and have clinched a playoff berth. Gettysburg and Franklin & Marshall are both tied for second place in the West.

The Mules' last win came Saturday when they beat Haverford 66-58.

Sophomore Chris Kenny led the team with a career-high 22 points, including four three-pointers. Two of those three's came in an early 9-0 run in the second half that game Muhlenberg a 44-37 lead.

With 2:37 left in the game the Fords closed the Mule lead to one, 59-58, but the Mules shut the door, not allowing another point the rest of the game.

Junior Jim Doumato also had a good game, with fifteen points and a game-high seven rebounds, but the star of the game was Kenny, who was named Centennial Conference player of the week.

Kenny's play has steadily improved as the season progressed. For the first ten games of the season Kenny was averaging only 2.3 points per game, but since then has averaged over 12 points per game, and is the only Mule this season with back-to-back 20-point games.

Kenny has been a major contributor to the Mules' potent offense, which has, during the seven game win streak, averaged 77.5 points per game, with a 51.0 percent shooting percentage. The Mules are also hitting their three-pointers, striking from behind the arc at an impressive 41.7 percent.

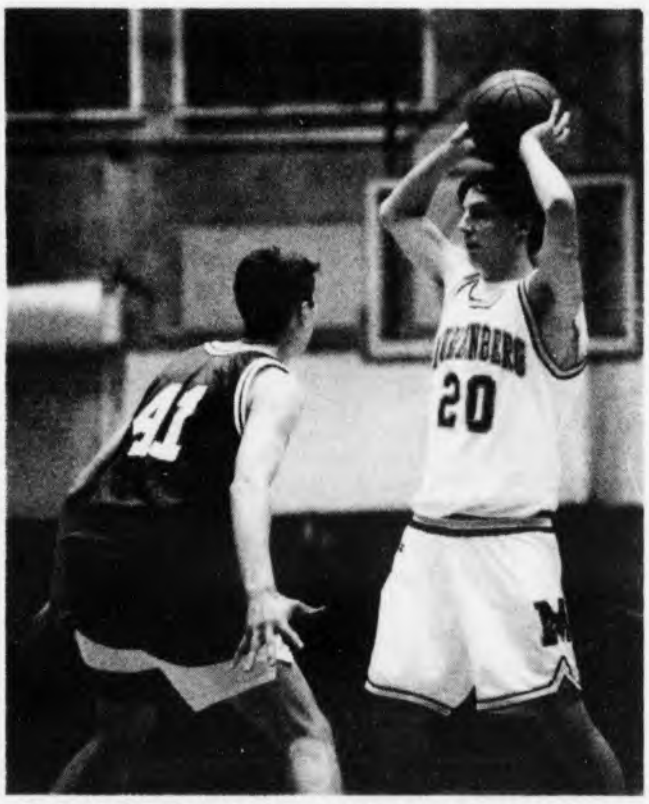
The play of center Jim Doumato is also responsible for the offensive explosion. Doumato has averaged over 18 points per game in the last nine games, and is shooting at an incredible 69.2 percent from the field. Doumato became the first Muhlenberg player since Dennis Adams in 1994 to make 100 field goals and 100 free throws in the same season.

Not to exclude those responsible for setting up the scorers, senior Matt Henrich leads the team with 105 assists, becoming the first Mule since 1979 to reach triple figures in assists in a single season.

The Mules are now 13-9 overall this season, giving them their 16th straight seasons with double figures in wins. The school record is 21 seasons, set by the men's basketball team from 1939-1959.

The Mules must now gear up for the Centennial Conference Semi-Final game to be held at Memorial Hall next Wednesday. Muhlenberg will face either F&M, Gettysburg, or Western Maryland. The game will begin 25 minutes after the women's Semi-Final game, set for 6:00. This marks the first time in Centennial Conference history that a school will host a basketball playoff double-header.

Earlier in the season the Mules beat F&M and Gettysburg, and lost to Western Maryland in a close road game by only three points. With their new-found explosive offense, the Mules hope to bring the conference championship back to Muhlenberg.



***Senior Jeff Graham looks to pass in a recent game. Graham is second on the team with 38 assists and is averaging 6.0 points per game.***

# Lady Mules win third straight division title

## *Strong team balance helped Muhlenberg to eleven wins in last thirteen conference games*

**by Tracey M. McGee**
***Weekly* sports writer**

The Muhlenberg women's basketball team has won its third straight Centennial Conference East Division championship. The women have accomplished this by winning eleven of their last thirteen league games.

The team has struck an incredible balance which ensures their success because opponents are unable to shut down their teamwork. Eleven different players have scored in the double-figures in a game this year which ties a school record.

Muhlenberg's power is dissipated among the team and this is apparent as 'Berg is only one of two teams without a player in the Centennial Conference's top ten in either scoring or rebounding.

With a record of 14-8, the women have only allowed an average of 50.8 points in their 14 wins and 65.5 in their 8 losses. In these games, several players have distinguished themselves among the crowd.

Junior Jill Roth shifted to the shooting guard position and leads the Mules in rebounding (6.1 rpg) and three-point field goals (26).

Roth has also tied a school record by making four "threes" in a game twice this season. She has had three 20+ scoring games and 13 double-figure scoring games.

Junior Amanda Waterbury also has 13 double-figure scoring games, which includes a career-high 25-point contribution in Saturday's game against Dickinson.

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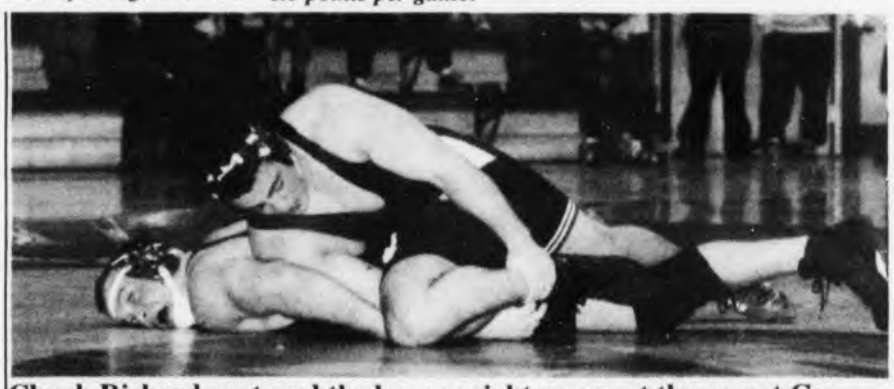

**Chuck Richard captured the heavyweight crown at the recent Centennial Conference championships. Richard used a riding time advantage to beat his Johns Hopkins opponent 6-5. With Richard's win, Muhlenberg has 15 conference titles in five years, the most of any school. Muhlenberg finished fourth at the event. Western Maryland won the team title. Sophomore Jason McLean finished second at the 126 pound division, junior Craig Farris came in third at the 150 pound division, freshman Brett Rackoff was fourth in the 118 pound division, and freshman Dan Ochoa was fourth in the 167 pound division.**

## Muhlenberg Ice Hockey

**Go out and support the Mules on ice when they square off against Penn State on Thursday 2/19 at 9:30 at Lehigh Valley Ice Arena Rink 2, and on Sunday when they play East Stroudsburg at 2:00, also at Rink 2.**

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# Student speaks out against college

## *Heather Marko expresses freedom of speech and is allegedly hassled by Dean*

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**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

Do Muhlenberg students truly have freedom of speech? The administration seems to think so but Junior Heather Marko insists otherwise.

Last November, Marko wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Morning Call entitled College Must Lead Way To Compromise in West End. In her letter, Marko says, "Muhlenberg has taken an extremely narrow, self-centered view. The administrators, particularly, have not worked with the neighbors, but against them." Marko exercises her right to freedom of speech through her letter. However, members of the administration with differing views have questioned how free our community actually is.

Muhlenberg College's "primary purpose," as described on the first page of the College Catalog, "is to help students develop those capacities of imaginative and critical thinking that make possible humane and responsible living within a free society."

But in the past academic year there has been controversy over Marko, who has done just that: questioned how free the Muhlenberg society actually is.

*Junior Heather Marko*

Originally writing the letter for her Introduction to Journalism class, Marko decided to send it along to the *Morning Call* to let the community know that not everyone at Muhlenberg shares the views of the college administration. However, certain members of the college community took issue with this.

The letter broke the united front the college was trying to present to the town. "Any criticism from within the community was perhaps some kind of disloyalty," remarks Tom Cartelli, English Department Head.

Members of the administration, including President Arthur Taylor, refute this notion of disloyalty. Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch argues that "It was both personally and professionally responsible to speak with Marko in this matter."

Taylor says, "Students have complete freedom," however he also stated that "this incident does have an effect" on the community's image of the college, its viability and its marketability.

Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg adamantly stresses that "Although I don't necessarily agree with what Heather said in the letter—and I told this to Heather herself—I will stand shoulder to shoulder with her and fight for her right to say it because that is a critical part of the democratic system."

Marko's recollection of the entire situation stands entirely contradictory to Ehrenberg's. She recalls that the Morning Call issue barely hit the news stands when she got a call into Ehrenberg's office. "He said to me to think about recalling my letter to the Morning Call—that I was misinformed and downright wrong. I felt extremely intimidated and shot down."

Ehrenberg insists that "Heather [Marko] must have misunderstood the message I tried to convey. I did not intend for her to withdraw or change what she originally said."

Marko strongly contests otherwise. "It was as if my First Amendment rights were completely overlooked by asking me to write a retraction."

Marko then wrote to Ehrenberg stating, "I thought Muhlenberg was a liberal arts college whose mission was to encourage me to think and not shut up and sit down."

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# Muhlenberg student reports sexual assault to campus safety

## *Do sexual assault statistics accurately reflect campus rape occurences?*

**by Jenny Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant News Editor**

A sexual assault was recently reported on Muhlenberg's campus. According to the Memorandum from Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, a sexual assault occurred in an unidentified residence hall, the suspects being were non-student males. This is all the information which can be given out to protect the rights of the victim who reported the crime.

According to the Security Statistics for Muhlenberg in the past three years, only two rapes have been reported. In the entire Lehigh County, Muhlenberg was the only campus to report a rape in 1995. In areas of second degree felony, two sexual assaults were reported in 1995, and no other cases until this latest one on February 18.

But how accurate are these figures? Lupole claims that assault/rape is the most under reported crime; he also believes that many assaults go unreported on our own campus. Because Muhlenberg reports only one assault, and during that same year Villanova University, a significantly larger school, reports none, can these numbers be taken seriously by the Muhlenberg community?

Lupole says that in the *1995 Uniform Crime Report, Colleges and Universities, Crimes and Clearances,* Muhlenberg does report more incidences than others.

"This is because we want to give people the true picture," says Lupole.

Although some schools may not report their assaults, Lupole feels it's important that everyone know what really goes on here, not just give a pretty picture of college life. It is a true picture to the best of Campus Safety's knowledge, though Lupole would believe that "the report of rape is what we follow."

According to Section 3121, Subchapter B of Crime Codes of Pennsylvania, rape is a felony of the first degree, defined as sexual intercourse with a complainant (victim): by forcible compulsion; threat of forcible compulsion; a complainant who is unconscious, unaware that the sexual intercourse is occurring, or is substantially impaired--by drugs; a complainant with a mental disability which renders the individual incapable of consent; a complainant less that thirteen years of age. Sexual assault is a second-degree felony, when "the person engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant without the complainant's consent," except the circumstances given as rape.

Under this same code, evidence and prompt complaint as well as testimony are discussed.

The college handbook states different yet similar "laws" in relation to the Pennsylvania Crime Code. The Judicial Board is not a true legal procedure, and the rules of evidence also differ. A complainant can push for Judicial Board charges, or criminal charges as well.

Lupole stresses that even if a sexual assault occurred and was not immediately reported, it can be reported up to three years later.

For example, the assault which was reported this past fall actually happened a year ago in the spring.

"The victim really controls the outcome; I can't stress enough that we move at her own speed. It can even be left on file but not followed, if that's what she wants," says Lupole. It is his opinion that it is better for

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# Nationline

Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Orlando, Fl.--**At least 26 people were killed when severe storms ripped through central Florida early Monday. El Niño's-spawned tornadoes damaged or destroyed scores of buildings and caused power outages. Two people have been reported missing. Some of the tornadoes may have had wind speeds as high as 210 mph, and were spotted from Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast to the Tampa Bay area on the Gulf Coast. "We've had so many touchdowns we can't keep track of them," a police spokeswoman said.

**Logandale, Nev.--**More than a dozen FBI agents searched the home of William Leavitt Jr. again Sunday, even though he was released from jail after tests showed he possessed a harmless animal vaccine, not a biological weapon. Neighbors said the agents had been searching the home since Wednesday, when Leavitt was arrested along with Larry Wayne Harris. The search came on the eve of Monday's detention hearing for Harris, who remained jailed over the weekend on biological weapon charges. A government lab is still testing material seized from Harris' Ohio home to determine if it is a illegal biological agent, federal sources said.

**Galveston, Tex.**--Police arrested a 19-year-old man early Sunday and accused him of killing one person and wounding four others when he shot into a crowd of revelers after a Mardi Gras parade. The Houston man, whose name was not released, was accused of firing a handgun around 10 p.m. Saturday, just two hours after a Mardi Gras parade snaked through an estimated 100,000 spectators. Police said Oscar Manuel Nava, 19, of Houston, was killed. The four injured were treated at a hospital and remained there Sunday in conditions ranging from fair to good. Another shooting erupted minutes after the first Saturday night. One man was slightly injured but declined to press charges.

**Space Center, Houston--**Exactly 36 years after he rocketed into space for the first time, John Glenn argued Friday that he's still qualified to make a return trip this fall. "I know there's a lot of interest in this," the 76-year-old Democratic senator from Ohio said, "but... I hope everybody concentrates on the science of this thing." Glenn and the six astronauts who will fly with him aboard space shuttle Discovery in October have completed their first week of training for the mission in which they'll conduct experiments on the effects of weightlessness on the aging process.

**Sligo, Pa.--**Federal authorities have been put on alert for possible acts of terrorism after the theft of 1,800 pounds of explosive from a coal company. Investigators said Friday they had no suspects but that they are trying to learn the identities of two men seen near a green pickup truck around the time the explosives were stolen last weekend. An FBI agent said the ammonium nitrate fuel oil mix "could destroy any building it's detonated near."

**Hastings, Minn.--**A high school English teacher has been charged with criminal sexual conduct after police say she admitted having sex with a student at least 20 times starting when he was 15 years old. Julie Feil was ordered held on bail Thursday and could be sentenced to 8 1/2 years in prison if convicted. She has been suspended with pay and could be fired. She and her husband have separated; the couple has an 8-year-old son.

# Campus Safety Notes

## *Sexual assault in an unspecified 'residence hall'*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

2/16/98 – Sexual Assault – in a resident hall – non-students involved have been identified, but Campus Safety is still investigating and working at the pace of the victim

2/16/98 – Sick Student – East Hall to 17th and Chew St.

2/17/98 – Vandalism – Benfer Hall – cover on light in the center stairwell between second and third floor was smashed

2/17/98 – Theft – Martin Luther Hall – clothing from laundry room

2/17/98 – Harassment – Benfer Hall – boyfriend and girlfriend dispute

2/18/98 – Theft – Seegers Union – wall clock (fourth clock that has been stolen)

2/18/98 – Harassment by Communication – Brown Hall – phone calls continuing from last week: hang-up calls, heavy breathing, and silence – still have not identified the caller

2/19/98 – Harassment by Communication - Prosser Hall – same hang-up phone calls reported as in Brown Hall

2/19/98 – Vandalism – Brown Hall – to other person's property (between roommates)

2/19/98 – Harassment by Communication – Prosser Hall – heavy breathing phone calls

2/19/98 – Injured Student – Center for the Arts

2/20/98 – Vandalism – New West Hall – signs taken from inside the elevator

2/20/98 – Noise Complaint – Martin Luther Hall – loud stereo

2/20/98 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana – Walz Hall – referred to the Dean's Office

2/21/98 – Fire/Safety Violation – MacGregor Village – couch blocking the exit

2/21/98 – Theft – Benfer Hall – stop sign and post stolen from the Benfer Hall area, they have been located

2/21/98 – Noise Complaint – Off-Campus – at a non-Muhlenberg College facility, no citations issued

2/21/98 – Suspicious looking Person – East Hall

2/22/98 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana – MacGregor Village – referred to the Dean's Office – referred to Dean's Office

2/22/98 – Medical Transport – ATO fraternity – difficulty breathing

2/22/98 – Noise/Non-Students – 421 N. Leh St. – responded with the Allentown Police Dept.

2/22/98 – Alcohol Violation and Disorderly conduct – 23rd and Chew St. – referred to the Dean's Office

2/22/98 – Suspicious Persons – Memorial Hall parking lot – chased on foot and lost them at the Tilghman Street area around 4 AM

2/22/98 – Vandalism – MacGregor Village – broken glass plate covering the light bulb on a pole lamp outside

2/22/98 – Theft – Seegers Union – oak bench in front of Garden Room

2/23/98 – Vandalism –Martin Luther Hall – red button for door release vandalized

2/23/98 – Unsecure Area – East Hall – basement window

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# Harrassment by communication on the rise

## *Trend to call and harass proves to be an issue*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

"Harassment by communication." It is a misdemeanor that has steadily increased in recent years at Muhlenberg College.

So far in this academic year, a running total of thirty six harassing phone calls have been reported, including nearly fifteen in the month of February alone. Why is this trend continuing to increase?

"I wish I knew," said Kenneth Lupole, Director of Campus Safety at Muhlenberg College.

"Ultimately, it could be a number of aspects, but at the present time we have no leads [to identify the culprit(s).] We are working with the victims and hoping to make progress."

Currently, Campus Safety has six caller identification units hooked-up to different student phone lines around campus. The units have been strategically placed in areas where Campus Safety anticipates the culprit(s) to strike.

This scheme, however, has been unsuccessful thus far. It appears, according to Lupole, that the culprit(s) realize that Campus Safety has taken steps to trace the phone calls, and have proceeded to harass the west end of campus (i.e.. Prosser and Brown) instead of the east end.

Added Lupole, "I think it's the same person or persons doing the harassing because of the time-frame of the phone calls - commonly 3:30-5:30 a.m.

Although what is spoken sometimes changes, the person(s) also commonly take a phone number and continue in the sequence until everyone in the hall has been reached."

With many of these phone calls being reported to Campus Safety, there are most likely many more that go unreported.

One such victim of these harassing phone calls is Junior Eleanor Katz. Katz has received 3 harassing calls, with each call of a perverse nature.

"When I received the first call I was really nervous," said Katz, "because I didn't know that other people had gotten the calls too. As far as I could tell though, the caller was male and he was alone."

If a person is caught making harassing phone calls, his/her punishment lies in the hands of the victim. The individual victim has the decision to handle the matter judicially on campus or criminally through the court system. In past instances at Muhlenberg, however, a majority of the cases have been handled judicially.

"I can guarantee that this is something that happens at every college and university across the country," said Lupole. "Maybe the culprit(s) think it's funny and get a thrill out of it, or maybe they're intoxicated and have no control over what they're doing. Regardless, we are working on the situation in an attempt to identify who is responsible."

If you receive harassing phone calls, report them to Campus Safety regardless of whether the person hangs up or talks. Report the call even if the caller dials one phone number and continues adding one digit until they have reached all the rooms in the hallway.

Harassing phone calls are hard to prove, but if you report the calls from the start, they are easier to investigate. Campus Safety recommends immediately hanging up on a person if they begin asking offending questions or talking inappropriately.

Katz warns students, "If you are verbally harassed, don't panic. Simply write him or her off, hang up the phone, and immediately call campus safety."

# Around Campus

## *Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

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Ther will be a concert: **Bach Marathon Recital** on Sunday March 8, from 2 to 9 pm in the Chapel.

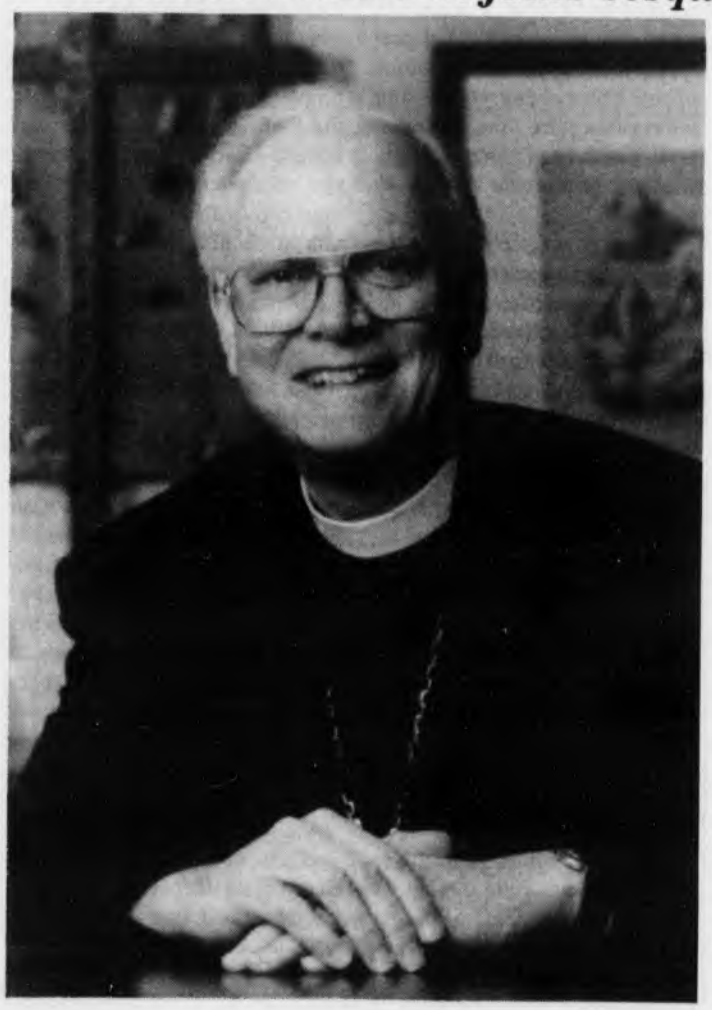
**The Office of Career Development and Placement's Spring Speaker Series** continues with Dr. Sheryl Welte, Education Department. She will speak on Tuesday, March 10 at 3 pm in Seegers 110. Her presentation is entitled *Educators Are Not Just Teachers.* Please sign up in the OCDP.

**OCDP** will present a **Principal's Panel** on *Getting a Job in Public Education* on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm in the OCDP Library.

***Send submissions to Amy Kern at Box 1739 or email kern@hal by the Monday before publication.***

# ELCA Bishop receives honorary degree from Muhlenberg

## *Reverend Anderson joins sesquicentennial events to respark Lutheran affiliation*



***Reverend George H. Anderson, ECLA Bishop***

**By**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The Reverend George H. Anderson, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), made his way to Muhlenberg this past weekend to help celebrate the sesquicentennial year of the school's history and in particular, its ties to the Lutheran Church.

Bishop Anderson is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University. He earned graduate degrees from the Lutheran Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. He has become a well-known author and translator of many works of Lutheran history.

Anderson's call to the ministry was unexpected, as he found himself a volunteer youth worker at a mountain parish in western Virginia. After being inspired by a pastor with whom he served, Anderson switched gears from science to theology in 1953.

His career as an historian developed after a research trip to Europe with noted church historian Kenneth Scott Latourette. "He was a strong influence on me," Anderson said, "for he was an intellectual with a strong spiritual life."

As Anderson was serving as President of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1995, he was elected Bishop during the ELCA's fourth Churchwide Assembly.

Anderson's duties as Bishop require large amounts of time traveling.

For two days, Sunday and Monday, he spent time at Lutheran-affiliated Muhlenberg, talking with faculty and students on the changing role of education and religion in the college environment.

On Sunday afternoon, Anderson led a special service in Egner Memorial Chapel, attended by nearly 250 faculty, students, and clergy from the area.

On Monday, he met with forty-two faculty and offered a presentation on the ties between a Lutheran college and educating for character, the sesquicentennial year's theme.

After a tour of the campus, Anderson met with students to discuss religious life and diversity on campus, as well as how young adults are viewed in the Lutheran Church.

"One of the goals of the Lutheran Church is to reconnect with the young adults," he said. "If we can find effective ways to get the youth involved in the ministry, then they will continue in the Church." Anderson emphasized how important college students' input is for the growth of the Lutheran faith.

Among other topics of discussion were the Church's role in politics and how religious life has changed in the years since Anderson attended college.

Students expressed concern over the Church's increasing focus on finances.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to meet the Bishop face to face," said senior Mark Koup.

When asked why he felt the Bishop's visit was so important for Muhlenberg, College Chaplain Don King answered, "We lose sight of having Lutheran affiliation, which can get dismissed in everyday life. We need to see that we have that affiliation, and ask the question, "What is the Lutheran Church with which we are affiliated?""

Anderson's visit to Muhlenberg marked the first visit by a national Bishop to the college since 1992.

# YOUR undeniable right to free speech...at Muhlenberg?

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

Random *Weekly* phone surveys have indicated that students are concerned with how and if they can express their own opinions on such a small campus without being crushed.

Many have asked, "Is Muhlenberg College the hotbed of discussion and debate I expected it to be when I began applying to institutions of higher learning?"

"It has been lacking for so many years," says Dr. Tom Cartelli, an eighteen-year member of the Muhlenberg College English Department.

"The community has most often been a remarkably apathetic place," he says. "Everyone is much nicer than other institutions but does this amiability come at a cost?"

"No," comments President Arthur Taylor as he is traveling abroad in Shanghai.

Most would agree that any community is healthy once they are able to discuss matters openly and honestly.

"But that is the case here," says Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty. "The college and its officers believe profoundly in people's right to free speech and their own opinion. But it doesn't necessarily mean that once expressed, they have a right not to get a response from us—there is a freedom associated with our response as well."

Does this disagreement in opinions necessarily deny one's freedom of speech?

"Definitely not," Dretsch says but Cartelli contends that "this intimidating behavior dampens the possibility for future debate—people become timid and apathetic rather than feisty and assertive."

Junior Jara Traina says, "Generally speaking, Muhlenberg students, myself included, seem to be pretty apathetic in regards to socio-economic and political issues. I don't think this is necessarily our fault, though. Although we take a certain responsibility in educating ourselves, I don't agree that the administration encourages or even requests us to become aware."

Perhaps students are apathetic or maybe they are simply unchallenged, content, or ill-informed, as Traina suspects.

"Because students are not up-in-arms and super active over certain issues all the time may mean that they are reasonably pleased with the situation," says Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions.

Some feel that this is not a good thing.

"Muhlenberg College should be a place where free ideas should be embraced," Cartelli feels. "Coming with that, though," Dretsch says, "needs to be careful examination and appropriate judgment of each situation—no opinion should go unchallenged."

Clearly there are people who can challenge every single opinion, especially if it is opposite of their own. The college does and will continue to let community members know when they disagree with one's opinion and the reasons why because it is their "professional duty to do so." Dretsch strongly feels that "Free speech brings with it responsibility to say what you have to say well and upon examination."

Cartelli and others on campus wonder what impact this paternalistic fostering will have on the opinionated student.

"Shouldn't we be training our students to be self-determining agents of their own destinies? They need to learn to make decisions and form opinions for themselves," he says. "When 'Big Brother' breathes down one's neck, there is potentially a problem."

For the "Big Brothers," this differing of opinion may erode the prestige of the college "and is a sign of disloyalty," Cartelli feels. "That is the issue here."

Dretsch states, in response, "To assume that we don't want to tolerate criticism of any kind because it is harder to raise funds or admit students is a cheap shot."

"People have to understand," Dretsch continues, "that when they choose to exercise their right to free speech and when agents of the college choose to respond to what they consider to be unexamined, unsubstantiated personal opinion, that does not mean they are denying them any rights." In the colleges judgment, it is incorrect.

Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, promises, however, that "Healthy discussion is part of the democratic system, and it is welcomed here at Muhlenberg."

# College must lead way to compromise

## *Heather Marko's Letter to the Editor of the* Morning Call

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Odd, isn't it, that the issue of off-campus living can become so huge in a college where the vast majority of students live on campus? At Muhlenberg, it's more than an issue — it's a war.

One Muhlenberg *Weekly* article on the subject began, "It appears that the community and Muhlenberg College are at war with one another in the West End of Allentown." "At war" perfectly describes the college's attitude towards the ordinance which would restrict student housing in the West End. From the president to the deans to individual students, most of Muhlenberg has declared war on the West End.

In a war, only one side can win. But in this war, no matter who wins, everyone will suffer the consequences. If the town wins, Muhlenberg will probably have engaged taxpayers' and students' dollars in an unsuccessful legal battle and may even have followed through on threats to boycott Allentown businesses. And if the college wins, the neighbors will feel that their needs were not considered and might take their disappointment out on their student neighbors. Either way, both parties lose.

The way to handle this situation is not with a fight, but with negotiation and compromise. The neighbors and city seem to understand this more than the college does. Although some unreasonable neighbors are set on making students' lives miserable, many community leaders are looking to come up with a solution acceptable to both sides.

According to those who looked for compromise, the college has not been cooperative. Kathy Freed, a resident of 22nd Street, says that the college hasn't been as active as it could have been in solving the off-campus problem, and that Muhlenberg did not deal with individual complaints about students, forcing neighbors to form committees to handle the problems.

The reason the committees became necessary is that Muhlenberg has taken an extremely narrow, self-centered view. The administrators, particularly, have not worked with the neighbors, but against them. They have refused to admit that there is a problem with student behavior. Instead, they have pointed out, over and over, the college's contribution to the neighborhood, to the economy, to the beauty of the town. What they haven't realized is that a few problem students have the capacity to erase all these benefits from neighbors' minds. Having an off-campus student urinate on your bushes, which happened to Muhlenberg Area Community Watch president Sandy Freeman, is a pretty effective way to make you forget about Habitat For Humanity, the Jefferson Partnership, and the other ways in which the college helps Allentown.

If Muhlenberg had been more responsive to neighbors' complaints in the first place, the community would not see the ordinance as necessary. Freed said, "We had no idea that we needed a law ... we just wanted to live our lives and raise our children in a quiet neighborhood."

Neighbors deserve a quiet neighborhood. And students should be allowed to experience life out of the Muhlenberg bubble before they're tossed into it through graduation. The college needs to acknowledge that there are problems and it needs to work with the neighbors to solve them, instead of constantly proclaiming the selfishness of the neighbors and the perfectness of the college. In a letter to the editor of the student newspaper, The *Weekly*, Dean of Admissions Christopher Hooker-Haring wrote that Muhlenberg "will simply have to live with the (neighbors') constant carping and complaining and criticism, deserved or not, rational or not." If the carping, complaining and criticism are rational and deserved, then why isn't the college doing anything to resolve the problems?

It's not selfish to want to live in peace and quiet. It's also not selfish to want to live off-campus without having the police at your door every five seconds. But for both of these things to happen, a few other things have to happen first. The college must admit there's a problem with student behavior. Neighbors have to admit that they chose to live in Muhlenberg's vicinity, with all that entails. And, most importantly, the students must prove to their neighbors that they are capable of behaving like adults. These are the keys to peace in the West End.

# Dean Hooker-Haring's personal response to Marko

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Dear Heather,

Since I was mentioned in your editorial to the *Morning Call* as one of "the bad guys" who is not willing to compromise on the neighborhood issue, I wanted to write with some additional perspective. It appears from the tone of your editorial that most of your information came from the neighbors. I wish I had a chance to talk with you before you wrote your piece.

From my perspective, it is the neighbors who declared war on the College, not the other way around. What your editorial doesn't mention is that members of the Muhlenberg management staff sat at the negotiating table with the neighbors for two years trying to find solutions to their concerns. All during that time—while the College sat silent and worked towards real solutions—the neighbors conducted a very public, very negative campaign against the College. That, in my opinion, is what has now poisoned the climate.

Even though the College continues to be the target of a consistent smear campaign being waged very aggressively by the neighbors, we have tried to respond to neighborhood concerns. Here is what we have done:

1. We build a $4.2-million residence hall, bringing 113 students back onto campus.
2. We hired off-duty Allentown policemen to do weekend foot patrol in the neighborhood in order to provide rapid response to noise or other complaints.
3. We screened students moving into the neighborhood more carefully, asking them to sign an agreement that spells out proper behavior in the neighborhood.

In private conversation, many of the neighbors acknowledge that problems have diminished since the College instituted these reforms. Many of their horror stories of student misbehavior are now two or three years old. But you would never know from their rhetoric to the local press, City Council, or—now—to Muhlenberg students. How is this being constructive on their part? How is this being constructive on their part? How does this promote further constructive conversation?

Finally, after years of sitting silently by while the neighbors bash us publicly, some of us at the College have decided that we must begin to defend ourselves. To continue to be silent simply leaves the field of public opinion entirely to the neighbors' one-sided perspective. But even an attempt at defending ourselves is simply an excuse for the neighbors to heap more criticism on the College.

Ask the neighbors the next time you talk to them what their bottom line is. If it is a student-free neighborhood, then we must sim-

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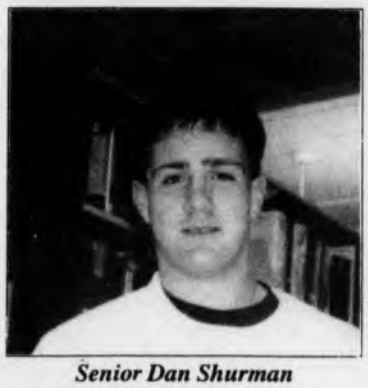
# Differing campus perspectives on Freedom of Speech



Senior Dan Shurman

*"I have been on campus for four years and only once did the students get together and fight something--the student demonstration in front of the Haas Center. The school hushed us up and quickly dispersed the students"*

Sophomore Paul Kopp

*"We are not on our own the way they do things here--it is not the 'real world' at Muhlenberg--our experience here inhibits us from being a part of the 'real world.'"*

Freshman Shawna Fraser

*"Heather Marko's article is a good example of an outspoken student who is willing to stand up for what she believes is right. The school is too worried about its appearance. It [the appearance] won't change because of one student's perspective.*

*"If I say anything on behalf of the college, I have to be careful. If I say something independent of the college, I can say exactly what I want."*
**Dr. Irwin Schmoyer, Biology**

*"The college is too concerned with criticism. Every college receives criticism, especially a liberal arts institution. A college should be proud of the students who speak out for their rights."*
**Freshman Paul Swedloff**

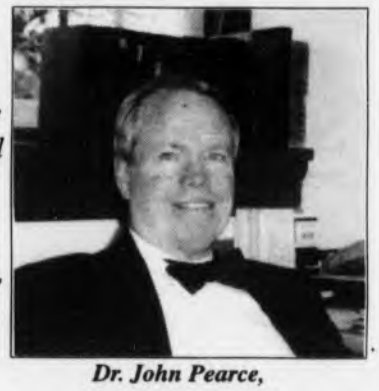
*"The students have the freedom to say what they want--but if one does so, they have to reap the consequences."*
**Dr. Dan Wilson, History**

*"The college has to be concerned with its students and faculty making false generalizations about the institution because the college wants to attract new students and donors. When a student speaks out, they should expect to receive criticism from the school if they are misrepresented."*
**Freshman P.J Schwartz**

*"I think the first Amendment rights of the students at this college are very limited--being we are at a small, liberal arts institution, the students are prevented from expressing their voice too loudly in fear of chaos and criticism."*

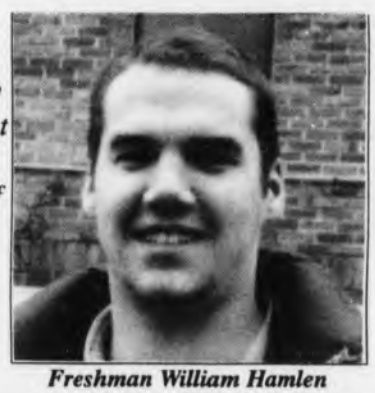
Freshman Smadar Ludmorski

*"These are normal concerns of criticism--the college does not want bad press--though students have the right to express their opinions. There is nothing wrong with that."*



Dr. John Pearce, Foriegn Languages

*"The school has to be concerned with what they say and what is said about them. A school has the right to stand up for itself when something is said that they do not agree with--it is a natural instinct to stand up for yourself."*



Freshman William Hamlen

# *A review of your First Amendment rights*

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT: No State legislature or the Congress of the United States shall make any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all media of information; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. This general prohibition shall be subject to the following elaborations, extensions, restrictions, limitations, interpretations and conditions:**

*The Fine Print With Respect to: The freedom of speech:*

**a.** The absolute freedom of engaging in or refraining from speech and non-verbal communication, and receiving or refusing to receive information, without any coercion, shall be a rebuttable presumption in any administrative or judicial proceeding, concerning any attempts to abridge them. The onus of rebutting this presumption shall rest entirely on the party seeking such abridgment, by showing that the speech or non-verbal communication sought to be restrained, or the information to be withheld, do not, by virtue of some other conflicting and overriding considerations or necessities, fall within the categories of freedoms that this section is intended to protect;

**b.** Any Congressional, State, or local legislation or regulation by any governmental authority, which is so imprecise, ambiguous, vague, overbroad, or excessively general in its terms that it provides a pretext for arbitrary or discriminatory law enforcement, uncertainty in the minds of persons of common intelligence as to the limits of protected communication, and creating a chilling effect on the unrestrained exercise of freedoms clearly not proscribed, shall be wholly void on its face; except that insubstantial defects may enable the courts to merely sever unenforceable parts or specific applications thereof; **c.** Prior restraint shall not be imposed on any communication by institutionalized or informal censorship or coercion, however subtle, unless, in each instance such restraint is sought, a fair judicial hearing, following proper notice, is held; except where the required delay may cause irreparable harm, upon which a temporary restraining order, subject to a prompt subsequent hearing, may be issued; **d.** Maintaining the integrity of the judicial process may validly require in-court and out-of-court curtailments on communication and information to prevent the clear and present probability of serious interference therewith; **e.** The free and uninhibited conduct of any electoral process shall not be interfered with, unless the integrity of the process itself is, or appears to be, threatened, or where its integrity is protected or enhanced thereby; **f.** In order to maintain the reliability and preparedness of the armed services, restrictions on communications and information likely to reduce the effectiveness of response to command may be justified therein; **g.** Inmates of penal institutions and preconviction holding facilities shall retain the freedoms granted herein to the extent that their exercise does not endanger prison security and order, and any limitation imposed, however warranted, shall be in accordance with properly defined and administered procedural safeguards; **h.** Public employees or licensees may be required to take such oaths or affirmations as are necessary to obtain their commitment to the lawful performance of their functions, or to make disclosures about themselves, as a condition of their office or employment, that are crucially relevant, lawful, and not repugnant to the letter and spirit of this Constitution; **i.** Fighting words that tend to incite immediate violence, offensive speech to a hostile, potentially violent audience, false statements likely to cause panic, disorder and safety hazards, advocacy aimed at inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to succeed shall not be protected under this section; **j.** Untrue defamatory speech (slander) or other communication (libel) is not protected herein; but the baseless defamation of public officials respecting their official conduct and of public figures respecting matters related to the causes or circumstances of their fame or notoriety, or a public controversy in which they willingly participate, shall, in the absence of malice (requiring communication knowingly false or recklessly disregardful of its truth or falsity), be protected; **k.** Sexual conduct described or depicted in a patently offensive manner, lacking serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value, and the dominant theme of which would appeal to the abnormal, prurient sexual interest of the average normal adult person, as determined by the application of contemporary standards of a given relevant geographically circumscribed community, shall be assumed to be harmful to society, and be outweighed by the need to protect the social interest in preserving, or not blatantly offending, recognized, generally approved norms of morality; and in the application of this clause, the corruption of minors, by exposure to obscenity, or their use in its description or depiction, shall be an aggravating factor supporting the denial of the freedoms herein granted. But the foregoing notwithstanding, no law proscribing pornography in any form, except child pornography, shall be made, that invades the personal right of privacy exercised in non-public places.

# FREEDOM of speech questioned

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Marko received many internal and external responses to her letter which she chose to share with The Weekly.

"The letters were both positive and negative," Marko says.

Dean of Admissions Chris Hooker-Haring wrote a letter with no requests to retract anything. "He respected my view and simply explained how his [view] differed."

Christine Messina-Boyer, former Vice President of Public Relations, writes "I hope that I am mistaken that you wrote this after hearing the neighbor's arguments but without researching the College's efforts."

Marko believes that she did do proper "homework" in researching this issue.

Jim Shackelford, a neighbor and strong ally of the college writes, "Your opinion gives them [neighbors] comfort, the kind one gets from marijuana or alcohol (denial of reality, escape). A good printed retraction will give aid to the idea that all citizens are equal."

"I never said all citizens were not equal," Marko says. "Letters such as these are very rude in that they try to diminish me as an opinionated citizen. I live at this college and I see how the administration tries to paint a picture of how they are so perfect."

Sandy Freeman, agrees with Marko, "You [Marko] have demonstrated to me and many others that you have not just a superior talent for writing but also a wisdom, courage, and vision that many older than you will never attain. Thank you for sharing insights on peace in our neighborhood."

"That's all I was doing," Marko says, "sharing my insights and personal opinion. My guaranteed first-amendment right."

# Sexual ASSAULT recently reported

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the college as well as both current and perspective students to at least know what has occurred on the campus.

The first thing which takes place is the medical and psychological care of the victim. "Her safety is really the most important thing," says Lupole.

When things are taken care of at the hospital, the police are called to file an incident report.

A report can be filed in three ways, including a Jane Doe report which a lot of campuses do not have. According to Lupole, many victims are not aware of this option, and will end up not filing a report for fear of having to give up their identity.

In addition to the Jane Doe report, Muhlenberg has two female officers more comfortable in reporting the crime.

"We know how sensitive these issues are, and how talking with another woman might make it easier to report the assault. I feel lucky to have more than one woman on my staff" says Lupole.

After this, a notice goes out to all students that an assault has occurred. This information is also shared with the campus in 3-year crime reports, given to each resident at the start of the year in August.

Not only does Campus Safety follow the needs of the complainant, they give out a lot of information, including hotlines for persons who have been assaulted, as well as a list of rights for victims of domestic violence, among other things.

According to Lupole, Muhlenberg College has done a lot and put in a lot of time to new programs, policies, and procedures, to help in making sure these crimes are reported.

They can't, however, do more if they don't know what is happening which isn't reported.

Lupole also stresses that sexual assault can happen anywhere, not just on a college campus.

"You have to have practice continual safety and awareness of your surroundings," Lupole adds.

# Race for Student Body President begins

## *Possibly three more joining Ansorge and Miller*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

The race for Student Body President is underway. Nominations for President are due today in the nomination box located at the information desk at Seegers Union.

Anyone who is nominated to run for President will be notified tomorrow. Those nominated will have Spring Break to mull over the decision on whether to run in the race.

Accepting nominees will have to submit their platform by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9. The following night, candidates will participate in a debate starting at 8 p.m. in the Red Door.

Platforms will appear in their entirety in the March 12th edition of *The Weekly*.

Student Council hopes voter participation will increase with this year's election. "We're hoping that this article in *The Weekly* will help. We're also going to do a mass mailing the day of the election reminding people to vote. Signs are also going to be hung in the fraternities, sororities, and off-campus houses, because they traditionally don't vote," said David Silber, current Student Body President.

Council is also trying to increase attendance at the debate. "We're trying to get more people at the debate. Each year, we try to publicize it more and more," said vice-president Chris McClary, who is running the debate in accordance with his vice-president position.

So far, only Recording Secretary Lisa Ansorge and Junior Class Representative Stefan Miller have declared their candidacy.

That number may be increasing. "Five people have approached me [about the possibility of running], but only Lisa and Stefan are definites," said Silber.

McClary added, "We're expecting at least three candidates to run."

Corresponding Secretary Ayla Tezel hopes this year's election best exemplify the student body.

"I want this year's election to be more than a popularity contest. My hope is that it will be a true reflection of the Student Body. This person should be a capable liaison between students and administration, as well as a leader who is a best representative of the Student Body," said Tezel.

The election will also include a survey on safety on campus. "We're hoping to include a questionnaire about lighting and call boxes. If we don't get it done for the Presidential election, we'll have it done for the general election," said McClary.

# One RESPONSE: to Marko

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ply agree to disagree. That would remove exactly the kinds of choices you describe for students early in your editorial. From my perspective, when you really try to pin the neighbors down about their goals, it sounds like they want all students removed from "their neighborhood." If from their perspective the only way for the College to cooperate is for us to capitulate, then I suppose we will always be viewed as uncooperative.

One final point: It is clear to me that the neighbors are now trying to coopt Muhlenberg students. How much better is it for them if they can persuade Muhlenberg students to carry the flag for them. And they are expert at the "poor little David against mighty Goliath" game they are playing.

My problem with that is this: While they tell you how much they like you, and how don't have anything against you personally, they are also telling City Council that all Muhlenberg students are loud, noisy, obnoxious and bad neighbors. They are telling The *Morning Call* horror stories that cast all Muhlenberg students in the worst possible light. I think this is hypocrisy at its very worst. I also think this is manipulating both the press and Muhlenberg students. They think I'm mean-spirited to point this out.

My point in my letter, to get to your specific mention of me in your editorial, is that the neighbors' carping and complaining is not rational and not entirely honest. Muhlenberg had continued to try to work at solutions to this problem that don't simply involve total capitulation even as the neighbors have continued their steady barrage of criticism. I too wish the two sides could find more common ground. It's no fun being used for constant target practice, and now seeing the students whose college environment you are trying to defend turn on you. I also agree that the neighbors deserve a neighborhood where they can live in peace and quiet, but no neighborhood is completely peaceful and quiet—especially one within city limits, and especially one bordered by a college campus. The question, from my perspective, is what is reasonable to expect? In the beginning, Muhlenberg students engaged in unreasonable behavior much too frequently. We have worked at that and worked at that, and now I believe that our students are, for the most part, good and decent neighbors. Now I believe it is the neighbors who are being unreasonable. Unfortunately, I don't think we can meet in the middle until we can agree on where the middle is. But I don't think it is as simple a picture as the neighbors paint it to be.

In any event, I thought your editorial was very articulately expressed. I just wanted a chance to share my perspective. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,
Chris Hooker-Haring '72
Dean of Admission &
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# *Duplicity* impressed audience last Saturday night

## Long time friends and musicians entertain in Red Door

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Saturday night, February 21, the music of the band *Duplicity* filled the Red Door Café as they entertained a small crowd.

The five member band is composed of three Muhlenberg students and two non students.

Brothers, Mike and Gianni Russo who are a sophomore and a senior respectively, and sophomore Mike Padnes make up the Muhlenberg students in the band.

When asked his opinion about being in a band with his brother Gianni Russo said, "its not weird being in a band with Mike because I know who he is."

The remaining two members are, Will Moreschi, a bartender and Matt Hentz, a garbage man.

The band started about four years ago when the members formed while attending the same high school in Whitehall, PA.

The only exception is Mike Padnes, who joined the group last year after meeting them at Muhlenberg.

The band originally went by the name, *Spastik Wang*, but no one really liked the name so they decided to find something new.

At the time the band played a song entitled "Duplicity" and they felt that was what the band stood for, so the name was changed.

Although the band no longer plays this song, they've kept the name.

The crowd at the Red Door really seemed to enjoy *Dupliciy's* rock music.

The band decided to play only about one-third of their original music at the show. They claim that when playing at clubs they include more originals in their set.

One member of *Duplicity* said that he actually "hates covers" and that he "only plays covers because you have to play some things people know."

The band feels that their original music is very much influenced by groups like *Blues Traveler* and *Tonic* and hopes to be able to play more of their originals as people get to know them.

The audience had positive things to say about *Dulpicity*'s performance. Sophomore Jim Cannoli felt the show was, "very good," and said its his "third time seeing them perform, and probably the best so far!"

Cannoli thought that their best song was "Blue Sky" by the *Allman Brothers* which they opened with.

Also in the audience was Sophomore Josh Bieler, who is a member of *Illusion Run*, the band that performed in the Red Door the previous night. Bieler thought *Duplicity* had a good performance, and said that their "sound mix was much better than ours."

The band is continuing to make a name for itself by putting on small shows similar to the one at the Red Door.

While they don't have any definite goals for the future, they know that they want to "just keep playing".

*Duplicity* member Will Moreschi says he just wants " to survive, we don't care if we're famous. We just want to keep playing."

Mike Russo, who was a pre-med student and is now undeclared, just wants to be a "rock and roll star."

Overall, *Duplicity* put out a really good show. Their mix of original music with covers kept the audience entertained and listening. If you happened to miss *Duplicity* this time, you can catch them their upcoming performance at Lupo's, scheduled in March.

# MTA's *Top Girls* is top notch

**by Kristyn Wolfrom- Hollowell**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Okay, so the title is a tad cliche. For those of you who have already left for Spring Break (well, mentally anyway) and weren't aware- The Center for the Arts ran the Carryl Churchill play *Top Girls* this past weekend.

I will confess, that after seeing the show it did take me a few days, and an enlightening conversation with Dr. Jill Stephen, of the English Department, to finally put into words a perspective on this play.

It was not a lighthearted piece of Musical Theater, nor something which could be described as mere entertainment.

It was a thought and conversation provoking work of art.

An interesting decision, in that it is a British play set in the booming eighties in London, England. The play offered a striking parallel picture to the United States in it's heyday of Reaganomics.

The author responded to the capitalist dogma of "if you just pull yourself up by the bootstraps anyone can be successful," by offering the character of Angie, played by Justis Bolding.

Angie, the illegitimate daughter of Marlene, played by Amy Armstong, the main character of the play, was a young teen with no future.

Her character indirectly challenged that of her biological mother, for Marlene was climbing the ladder of success, on her way to becoming a "Top Girl," while Angie would never make it in the fast paced world of her mother.

The play also starred Samantha Ferrante, Allison Mcconomy, Rachel Shapiro, Monica Stufft, and Keiko Yamamoto.

The opening scene offered the audience a historical look at Top Girls of former eras. From the female Pope of the ni th century, to a Japanese courtesan of the emperor, to the character Griselda of Chaucer's famous Canterbury Tales- the audience was engaged in the conversation between women who compared their tradgedies and triumphs.

It is quite commendable that the Muhlenberg Theater Department would undertake so intense a drama and perform art for arts sake, and not for profit.

Because the show only ran for one weekend and most of the attendees were Muhlenberg students, the show did not make a great deal of money.

This was no mistake, though. Money was not a concern.

The actors merely wanted a chance to convey Churchill's ideas.

They did this successfully.

The acting was superb, and the addition of a faculty member, Devon Allen, as part of the cast speaks highly of a program where student and teacher alike get involved in the process of making excellent theater.

Gentleman need not have been afraid to attend the play for, although the theme was principally about women and their roles in the modern world, the play itself was not a male bashing, feminist free for all.

It was about honesty- and "facing the facts."

It left one wondering where those who don't fit in the mold of society can find their place in the world.

We can all have the dream of being Top Girls, but is it realistic that we all can live that dream?

Unlike an after school special, or an Aesop's fable, it didn't provide the audience with a neat and tidy little answer.

Chillingly and disturbingly, *Top Girls* left many questions unanswered.

These lingering questions are proof of a worthwhile drama.

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# Students make a run to Red Door Friday night

## Campus band *Illusion Run* performs to packed crowd

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

*Illusion Run*, a Muhlenberg student band, entertained a fully packed audience in the Red Door Café on February 19 with a two hour set.

The crowd was energetic and seemed extremely pleased with the performance. Although this band formed five months ago, they have molded into a solid group that puts on an excellent performance.

This group includes four talented Muhlenberg sophomores, John Bieler, Bryan Schott, Rick Indelicato, and Steve Kessler.

The group covered a wide-range of musical styles, from Fusion Jazz to Blues, from Pop to Rock.

They played well-known favorites such as Billy Joel's *Good Night Saigon*, in addition to two original songs, *Losing the Child* and *Edna Said*.

The group members have had no professional training, Bieler says, "We are basically all self taught."

For a group with such little training, their musicianship was phenominal.

Schott says, "We want to get discovered—we have two original songs in each set tonight."

Bieler went on to say, "Our goals are to head towards being signed by an independent label—that is a long term goal-this is what we want to do."

Kevin Brown, a freshman, says, "The concert sounded really great. It was a really cool thing to do in the earlier hours of Friday night."

Another freshman, Heather Paley says, "*Illusion Run* is a very talented and entertaining band. The crowd was given a taste of many different styles of music—I will definitely attend their future Muhlenberg performances."

Although two of the members have a major pertaining to music and entertainment, Schott, a music major and Bieler, a theater major, the other two members, Rick and Steve are history majors.

This diversity brings an interesting perspective to the group.

As sophomore Kevin "Dough Boy" Averell said, "It was totally radical!"

A freshamn said," It seemed like the audience was really into the show. The band also appeared to be receptive to the audience's support. Their original stuff was very good, and they covered popular songs very well too."

The members have very different musical inspiration. Schott's inspirations are Eric Clapton and *Pink Floyd*; Indelicato's inspiration is Carter Beauford, the drummer for *Dave Matthew's*; Kessler's inspiration is *Rush*; and Bieler's is *Big Star*.

As a result of their varied musical preferences, the band's sound is an interesting combination of many different genres.

This leads to an incredibly diverse performance, one that satisfies the melodic cravings of all who were in attendance.

Audience members (many of whom were either standing or sitting on the floor due to the amount of students present) seemed very captivated by the music *Illusion Run* was performing.

*Illusion Run* has a conflict with the college over the lack of practice space available on campus.

There have been recent complaints from the residents of Martin Luther that the group's practicing in the Underground is a disturbance.

"Several residents have complained about the frequency and volume of the band's rehearsing," said Mark Koup, an RA in ML.

Bryan says, "The school will not let us practice more than four hours a week. We are not given enough time to practice. In order to develop and improve as a group, the members feel that they need to practice at least six times a week."

It is understandable that the band's practicing should not disrupt the study habits of other ML residents.

Nevertheless, their practice time has more than paid off, as inconvenient for some as it might have been.

Even though the band seems to think that they need more practice time, they are doing just fine on such limited rehearsal time, as their performance clearly showed.

Future performances include one on March 20th at Sigma Phi Epsilon and another by the fireplace in Seeger's Union.

The band was extremely pleased with their performance.

Bieler says, "This was our first big show, I was very happy with the turnout—I wasn't expecting it."

Judging from the size of the crowd and their comments after the show, they were just as pleased with *Illusion Run's* performance as the actual band members were.

# *The Wedding Singer* proposes laughs to all

## *Sandler and Barrymore display their comedic talents in new movie*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

The perfect date movie...it is unclear exactly what this phenomenon is, or even if it exists.

Presumably it lies somewhere in-between the extremes of *Total Recall* and *Sleepless in Seattle*. Something that transcends the displays of gore and flesh that guys seem to love so much and the gut wrenching tear-fests that we girls are so fond of.

Therefore, the "perfect date movie" has to go beyond traditional gender stereotypes; it has to provide something sweet enough for the girls and funny enough for their male escorts.

A movie of such versatility couldn't possibly exist, right? It has to be some sort of mythological creation, a figment of our collective imaginations.

Surprisingly enough, such a film is in fact a reality, and is currently in the theaters.

*The Wedding Singer*, starring Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler, embodies our vision of a movie that can be enjoyed by all.

This film is tremendously funny in an old-fashioned screwball comedy type of way, with a 1980's feel.

Sandler plays a once aspiring rock star, now reduced to country club wedding singer, who is jilted at the alter by his fiancee.

Barrymore is a waitress at the same location, who is engaged to a none too faithful man whose commitment plans do not include monogamy.

The two find each other and become "best friends," which is predictably complicated by a sparking interest in one another.

As in nearly all romantic comedies, mixed signals and miscommunications abound, causing trouble for the aspiring couple.

The plot is undeniably simple, even trite. A witty script and fantastically hilarious performances by both Sandler and Barrymore make this film as accessible and likable as it is.

An amusing, albeit short, cameo by Steve Buschemi also adds to the movie. "He was so funny for the time he was in it," said sophomore Sara Monaco. "I wish he had a larger part."

Still, Sandler and Barrymore more than carry the movie.

Both are crowd-drawers, and their chemistry together accounts for a large portion of the success of the film.

Also for fans of 1980's "cheese rock," this soundtrack is sure to please.

The film's depiction of the 1980's was impeccably accurate. From ridiculous costumes to hair of astronomical proportions, *The Wedding Singer* was dead on target.

All in all, this is a feel-good movie that contains enough silly jokes, courtesy of Sandler, as well as its fair amount of sentiment.

It is much more than a period piece—it is an extremely well done and heartfelt comedy.

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*Dear Betty and Bonnie,*
*The dude who digs me is not my type and he is kinda the wrong guy for me. Am I just getting caught up in the superficial stuff? Although your first typical reaction when meeting a guy who's not your type is to dis him—should I?*
*Sincerely,*
*Torn*

*Dear Torn,*
*Sometimes we judge a guy based on what others might say- about the way he looks, acts, dresses or the car he drives! Is your gut telling you to overlook these "problems"? even though you are afraid to GO with your inner voice and you may find a sweetie in the rough. If you think he is the right one for you, then go with your instincts—not others!*

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**If you have a question for Betty and Bonnie, drop it off in the Weekly office in tghe basement of ML or in campus box 0106.**

### ARIES
You've got a pretty good week, Aries. A stroke of luck has more to do with connections than with cash, but who knows where it might lead? Soak up the special surge of confidence you feel now and grab the energy for simply enjoying yourself. A dose of another kind of energy helps you deal with some old emotional issues today.

### TAURUS
Wow! It looks like you're due some new gain today. This could be a step up the ladder of success for you. And if it doesn't show up today, Taurus, rest assured that there's something in the works. Don't let the importance of this day be obscured by other events, either. Even the satisfaction you feel about receiving some simple praise or recognition has more to it than meets the eye.

### GEMINI
You'll like today's developments, Gem. There could be a change in job title on the agenda. Yeah, it'll probably also include a raise in pay. The gratifying thing is that whatever happens, it suits your hopes to a tee. You'll be delighted that some of your special skills and talents have finally been recognized.

### CANCER
Contractual and legal matters should go well for you today. Students have a perfect day to talk things over with an advisor. All Moon children, for that matter, should find it easy to resolve concerns and problems with good advice now. Make appointments with experts who can give you the answers and information you need.

### LEO
Partnerships of all kinds go well today, Leo. Good conversations dot the day for you. The best use of the energy, of course, is to apply it to the main partnership in your life. That should lead to some pretty happy moments. Don't let fussiness divert you from seeing the progress of your romance.

### VIRGO
Hah, you look so darned busy and responsible, but we know what's going on in your head, Virgo. You seem to have fallen into a permanent state of heavy breathing. That certain someone may not even suspect that all this hard work has quite a different goal behind it, but it's our job to know what you're up to.

### LIBRA
Somewhere in the course of the day, Libra, you'll need that special graciousness of yours. Other than this need for one soft answer to turn aside someone's crabbiness, the day is pleasurable. In fact, pleasure is its keyword. The best activities are hobbies, games, and sports, and the best company is children or loved ones.

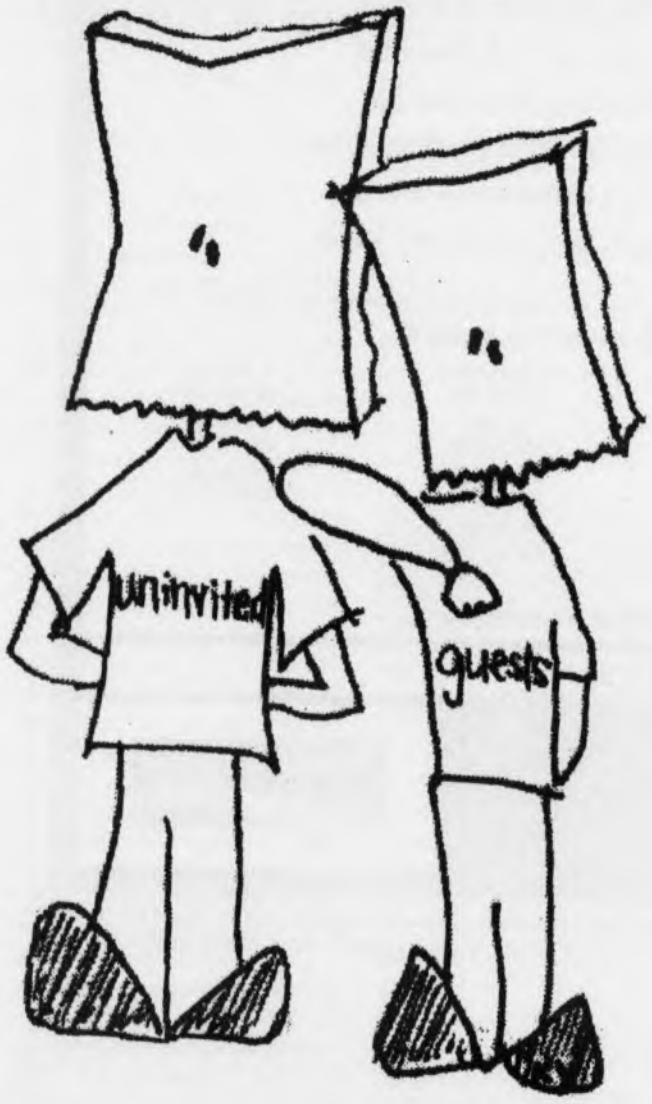
### SCORPIO
Just for kicks, think about a lottery ticket or a raffle chance today. Scorps don't usually take chances — nobody's going to catch them giving up control. Yeah, we know. You'll risk life and limb to protect a loved one or to stand up for your convictions, but you don't care much for iffy things, do you?

### SAGITTARIUS
Today's best feature is the abundance of good things that come to you, Sag. Compliments and approval are among them. Affections are bestowed on you, too. With all the presents you get to unwrap (figuratively speaking), you'll think it's your birthday. Try to spread your joy by complimenting others too.

### CAPRICORN
It's one of those days when a new lamp seems to turn on inside you, Cappy. Take advantage of increased personal attractiveness today. Sometimes we think you don't have a clue about what turns people on about you. There you are, minding your own business and getting things done, and here they come, flocking around you.

### AQUARIUS
Listen, Aquarius. You don't have to go overboard to impress others now. Real support for you is going on behind your back, and too much aggression on your part will interfere with it. Postpone contractual agreements of any kind until after midweek, if you can.

### PISCES
You can expect the most from this particular Monday because that's what you're going to get, Pisces. All you need to do is capitalize on your sense of assurance and optimism. Both work and play are satisfying. Remember that you're still riding a crest of personal popularity, and one sure-to-please activity for the day is to reward the people who seek your companionship.




Hello, were are Uninvited Guests
And We are going to raise **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS** by April 18th for the Turning Point Shelter. The Turning Point Shelter is a local shelter for victims of domestic violence. How are we going to raise **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS,** you ask? Well, we are going to sacrifice our performance standards and sell our bodies. No really, were serious. Uninvited Guests is going to hold two raffles. The first one will give the winner a guest appearance in a skit during our April 17th show in the red door. The second will give some lucky lady the opportunity to invite two of her friends out for an evening of romance with all of the Uninvited Guests. This date will include dinner and various forms of hopefully non-offensive entertainment. Donations will also be collected at the doors of both our April 17th show in the red door and the **After-Hours Flavor Ice Dance Party** we are throwing after our show in the Underground.

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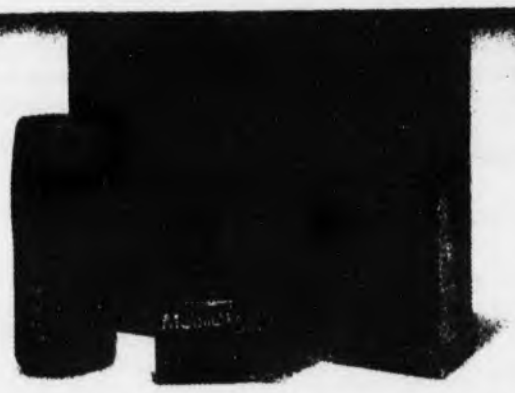

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# Student Council Focus Questioned

by George Saitta
and Mark A. Koup
*Weekly* Editors

"*Nomination time again!*" "*Wanna nominate a friend for Pres*?!" "*Let us know who its is*!" This jargon looms like an umbrella over the Muhlenberg College campus this week. They are part of a flyer, asking the current student body to nominate potential candidates for the new student council body president. What we want to know is, Why are we having another nomination? Does the student council body really exist?

Now, we know many of you are probably thinking, "Wow, what rash generalizations to make!" For those of you on council, do you expect us to believe that student council is all behind-the-scenes work? However, let's go out on the limb here. As usual, the student council has been *really* busy fund-raising.

Most students on this campus associate MAC with activities and student council with raising the funds behind these activities. If this is the case, then the student council spent $17,000 on Norm Mac Donald's warped sense of humor. Why not call it the student fund-raising board? In reality, we seriously doubt T.J. and Joel left this campus with $17,000 dollars in their pocket. Their talk on one of society's greatest enemies, Aids, was phenomenal; students took with them something serious to ponder.

Why must this campus prejudice the word *council*? The word council implies a group of people working together. Place the word *student* in front of it, we believe the word refers to a group of students, working together to improve the overall academic and college experience. The purpose of student council is to aid in the *balance* between study and social intervention.

Consider your student council at work. For example, four editors attended the weekly student *social* meeting two Thursdays ago. Notice how we refer to the gathering as a social rather than an organized meeting with structure. Currently, the student council charter states that any class representative or class officer be subjected to a motion for recall after every 5th, 7th, and 9th absence. After the ninth absence over the two-semester school year, you are automatically discharged.

If you miss this many sessions, why even run for student council in the first place? Obviously, you do not have a great deal of consideration or respect for your class. In honesty, there are students on student council who have missed 5+ sessions so far this 97'-98' school year. And you guessed it; these people are still on student council.

So we ask, "What needs to be changed?" In our opinion, we need class representatives who really care. In many situations, if a representative misses five meetings in year, their dedication to council should be seriously questioned. Their attendance is necessary because they *vote* at the meetings. As much as representatives may do work behind the scenes, we elect our representatives to vote for us.

How many students have experienced a so-called class trip either in the fall or this current spring semester? If you want your student council to be more than students with titles, we challenge you to approach and question your class officers. Find out exactly what is going on? We challenge the student council this term, make your presence known because compared to campuses like the University of Pennsylvania and St. Joseph's University the institution that is student council on this campus is *weak*.

# Email Ruining Social Interactions

**TO:** The Muhlenberg Student Body
**FROM:** Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students
**RE:** The "Fwd-Bomber"

I've heard rumors around campus of late regarding a mysterious person who calls him/her self the Fwd-Bomber. It was reported on two occasions that this person had been sending numerous forwarded e-mails to a variety of students, professors, and faculty members on campus. I reported the incidents with the office of technology and faxes. I heard nothing further of this mysterious fwd-bomber until I recently checked my e-mail account only to find myself bombarded with over 700 forwarded messages and this mission statement below. Be advised of this person, they are dangerous and unknown. I am doing everything in my power to investigate the matter as thoroughly as possible and have been working closely with the office of technology and faxes to find a solution to this problem. The mission statement which I commented on earlier is as follows,

E-mail was created as a means to an ends method of creating a more simplistic method of keeping in contact with each other. E-mail gives us greater access to the world, it is a tool that makes everyone's life more easy, more comfortable. It is easier to send a letter via e-mail than it is to write, fold, buy both envelope and stamps, address, enclose, and drop the conventional letter in the nearest mailbox. If the time had been taken to write an actual 'ruff-draft' of the work, there would be more of a realistic starting point than square one. The fact that many of us have to return to square

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

one in order to accomplish our previously begun goal angers us even further.

E-mail is an evil tool, a means to an end method of creating a new generation of American's: a lazy generation of sloth-like Americans. This technological back-scratcher that we call e-mail is nothing more than a vice, an exploitation of the human mind and a degradation of physical exercise. I, the fwd-bomber, will fix this system once and for all. All my efforts will be focused on the control and manipulation of e-mail accounts! How, you ask will I perform this task? I will utilize the very tool that is the foundation of complacency, the epitome of a means to an ends society, this network of trivial knowledge at the fingertips of the undeserved, E-Mail!!!. E-mail will be useless, people will have to find another means of maintaining friendships other than via computer screens and telephone wires. Students will have more time on their hands to write reports or read books or research information for an essay. The extensive networks recently set up in the library and dormitories for Internet Access will be useless, the computer labs won't be filled with e-mail checkers and internet searchers. Instead they will be packed with report writers and statistics gatherers and such. The library won't be able to fall back on the interlibrary loan process or the useful information found on the internet because that will no longer be an option. The library might just have to provide up-to-date books and research articles post 1978, or they could simply shuttle students back and forth to the Lehigh library.. -the fwd bomber

disclaimer: this stuff isn't real, but think about how we would deal with.. no internet access?

# Discourse Day Reflection

by Jara Renee Traina and
Jessica Causa
*Weekly* Staff Writers

"The variety and complexity of contemporary life, which have discouraged so many educators from requiring core curricula, ought to be seen as warning us that some common ground of discourse and inquiry must be maintained." - Robert Gruidin

Last week, Muhlenberg held its third annual "Discourse Day". It's amazing to think that the faculty and administration agree to take a whole day off from classes to spend time discussing philosophical matters rather than something to pad a resume. Yet, only about 25% of the student body take the time to participate in this event. Does this figure imply that at a college of 1,800 students, only 450 are truly interested about being educated?

Similarly, does it imply that the administration finds intellectual discourse so lacking on this campus that they must put aside a whole day in an attempt to provide a stimulating setting which will carry over into the classroom and elsewhere? Essentially, these ideas can be reduced to an implicit, underlying question: What does it mean to be a student at Muhlenberg?

For many students, their weekends define who they are, as they end the week in style by frat hopping and the like. This is not to say that it isn't a possible or somewhat common experience to have great conversation over Scrabble and a glass of wine on a Friday night, or that a random discussion had at two am on a weeknight does not contribute to one's intellectual growth. Yet aside from the extra- or perhaps intra-curriculum drinking and partying, we are here to fully experience life, the essence of which is intellectual discourse.

It is disconcerting that we as students neglect to realize that education stems beyond the confines of the classroom and should encompass more than the requirements of a particular syllabus. This kind of thinking is not only fostered here at Muhlenberg, but results from the culmination of years of a textbook education, which requires of students to regurgitate information, not to learn and critically think.

Obviously the issues at stake here are much more complicated than this, because they suggest a need to change the ways in which we are taught to think. As the educated upper class of this country we should act as catalysts to induce such changes. Yet if those of us who have the financial and mental capacities to engage in a life of the mind do not choose to do so, we rob our children of the tools to be able to participate in an intellectual realm.

In order to achieve this, we need to recognize that education is a way of life, an innate passion for learning. We must also be active in our own education. If we do not recognize our roles, we risk remaining intellectually sterile like our mascot.

# Alternate Movies Wanted

Titanic is quickly becoming the all time money-maker in movie history. It is still behind Star Wars, but the way things are going, Titanic will soon surpass it. I saw the movie. It was a pretty good movie but I don't understand why people keep going to see it. THE SHIP ALWAYS SINKS! If drowning is the big crowd pleaser these days, perhaps that's how Spice World should have ended. In the final scene I would put them all on a yacht and they would be putting on lipstick and then BANG! They would hit a pier. Luckily though the Baywatch lifeguards would be stationed nearby and desperately try to revive the girls using all forms of CPR. Sadly, it wouldn't be enough and the Spice Girls would be no more. Now that would be a classic movie.

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

What else would I change in the movies to make them more interesting... For starters, I would make one more Friday the 13th.

Can you guess who would be staying at Camp Crystal Lake this time? That's right, the entire casts from Full House and Family Matters. Who wouldn't want to see Urkel sliced and diced with a chainsaw and those Olsen twins involved in some kind of freak boating accident? Maybe I would make another Trainspotting and have both families overdose on crack. The part of the baby in that movie would be played by... Urkel and the Olsen twins.

I would also make one more Rocky movie. This time Rocky meets his toughest enemy. His greatest challenge. He's fought opponents who were tougher, faster, younger, and stronger. This time he has to fight... Janet Reno. Thank you.

# Letters to the Editor

## "Sport" of Figure Skating Supported

To Mr. Larry Carney-

I would like to respond to the disappointing article in the February 12th edition of the *Muhlenberg Weekly* entitled: "Is Ice Skating a Sport?"

You say this sport requires a great deal of athleticism. Regardless of any artistry, why are skaters not athletes if they need athleticism? Seems kind of contradictory to me.

You appear to view this artistry as something which detracts from the sport. Personally I believe it adds to it, making skating more difficult. Many people can dance and many people can jump, but how many can do both? If anything, figure skating shouldn't be reduced from a sport to a "performance", but it should be raised above both a sport and a performance.

Now, about that quote, "How a person looks is not a factual type of information", are you blind? Most people think that the landing of a triple axel should be viewed differently when a person catches their toe-pick, drops their chest, allows their arms to fly around, and wobbles their ankles then when the person lands smoothly on their outside edge without any bobbles. If you disagree with my logic, then I guess you may also think that we could just use the minutes and seconds in races. I mean, who really needs tenths and hundredths of a second. They are so insignificant, anyway.

Moving on to your comments about judging, many of these were also wrong. You complained about it taking 3 minutes to get the scores. What are you counting, the commercial breaks? Go to a competition live and bring your watch.

As for the ambiguity of the scores, there is none. The technical marks reflect an extremely complex and detailed method of scoring which weights difficulty of every single move from the triple axels down to the little three-turns. A move you probably couldn't even guess what it is, even though you see many of them in every routine.

The reasons for variation in judge's scoring lies in one of two areas: the judge looked down and missed something (they do have to take notes on what the skater does) or the judge is not impartial and bent the rules to favor one skater over another as can be noted in this year's Olympic Ice Dancing Competition in which 5 judges consistently rated couples differently than the other judges despite the performance quality. I agree with you in that politics should not be a part of the scoring, but unfortunately many people just can't see beyond the glitz and hype.

This brings me to your comment on the Kerrigan / Harding incident. This should not have happened, but do you think that figure skating is the only sport that has a few bad apples? May I remind you of O.J. Simpson? Guilty or not, he sure got a lot of publicity, much more than figure skating. Not to mention the Canadian Junior Hockey League coach that molested a hockey player. There are bad people everywhere. Society has some bad apples. You cannot blame the sport. Now, really, do you think it is snowboarding that makes people smoke pot? I doubt it.

Regarding those pro skaters making big bucks running around in Snuffleupugus costumes, name ONE! In our country no more than 10 or 15 people are making significant amounts of money in figure skating. Those that do are elite international medal contenders now or previously were and now commentate on the sport (Dick Button, Peggy Flemming). The Ice Capades is not a place people go to make money, nor is it somewhere for elite athletes, although some do join temporarily. I personally know people who haven't even completed all of their tests that were in the Ice Capades. If you are now asking yourself what are tests in figure skating, as I believe you probably are, then I will make a suggestion to you. Next time you write an article I suggest researching it first before you make yourself look like not just a liar but an ignorant fool, too.

Sincerely,

Erica Heyer
Class of 2001

## Figure Skating Defended

To the Editor,

"What do figure skating, synchronized swimming, gymnastics, freestyle skiing, ski jumping and diving all have in common?" They are all sports which take great athleticism, concentration, dedication and heart!!

The four things which I have just mentioned are true for any sport. Why Mr. Carney feels as if he has the right to **judge** which sports are more worthy of his praise than others is beyond me. In my humble opinion, as a former figure skater, I would like to enlighten Larry as to what the **sport** of figure skating is all about. Maybe then he will have the ideas from which to form an educated opinion...

If there was anything that figure skating did not have, it is an "ambiguous set of rules." Let's take Singles Skating as an example. The rules are similar for both men's and ladies' divisions. Each competition is composed of two separate parts: The Short Program is skated first, followed by the Free Skating Program. I'll focus in on the Short Program. The Short Program counts for 3.3 percent of a skater's total score for the competition. It consists of eight required moves or elements: Three jumps, three spins and two fast step sequences or footwork. The basic requirements for the figure skating season include (for the women): a double axel, a double or triple jump, and a jump combination: double and triple or two triples, flying spin, layback or sideways leaning spin, spin combination with one change of foot and two changes of position, one spiral step sequence, and one step sequence of a different nature. These moves must be completed within a 2:40 time limit, to music selected by the skater. In judging the Short Program, there are mandatory deductions for falls, incomplete or unattempted elements, and added elements.

The last time I checked, this set of rules was nowhere near ambiguous.

Form, style, technique, concentration and the ability to perform under great pressure are key in figure skating. In what sport are those things not factors? Larry's argument against any sport that is judged by others holds no water. Just as in boxing, to use his example, figure skating judges have strict rules to follow when judging a skating competition (see above). Just because there is an added category of judgment of presentation does not demean the sport in any way. If anything, it gives this sport another dimension, another challenge to meet. And there are obvious differences when comparing a figure skater and a Broadway dancer, as Mr. Carney attempted to do. Yes, it is true that both practice and prepare extensively. However, a Broadway dancer is not in competition when performing. There are no judges with numerical scoring devices on hand to score their performances. That is a ridiculous comparison.

Furthermore, it amazes **me** how someone could live in such a bubble that they think that figure skating just became popular with the scandal that involved Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. If one can recall, there were athletes such as Scott Hamilton and Dorothy Hammel, of the many, that put figure skating on the map long before Kerrigan and Harding.

When anyone can wake up at 4:30 in the morning, put in two hours of practice on the ice before a full day of school, then return to the rink for hours more of practice afterwards and do a double axel-triple salchow combination, then they can write an article giving their opinions on the **sport** of figure skating. Until then, please save the ink, the tree and my time.

Sincerely,

Eli Katz
Class of 1999

## Union Committee Debuts at the 'Berg

Council Update
by Barry Engel
Class of 2001 Rep.

This week your **Student Council** is continuing to juggle and balance the important issues on campus--there are many! You don't have to look very far to find out what happenings are in the progress. A meeting including all of the club presidents and the executive board of student council is being planned for the near future to help structure the **communication** flow. **Those working on **academics** have been working on a survey of what the students want. Problems in the past have most obviously included closed classes...look for a survey to be coming your way in the not too distant future...we need your help! **As far as the **Ordinance** is concerned, we have not forgotten! The final appeal has been initiated and a decision should be reached by late March. **Athletics are on the rise again at MC. Several suggestions have been considered, including adding fans to the loft, and ensuring safety.

**In the process of establishing a **Union Committee**, President David Silber has been in control in organizing and establishing a committee balanced with younger students and veteran leadership. This commitee and its intentions should be clarified very soon.

As far as the Union is currently concerned, the **Food Committee** will be posting signs for upcoming meetings. Right now, the committee is working on additional seating to alleviate problems in the Garden Room.

**The **freshman class** has set March 19, 1998 as the date for Singled Out: Part II. This event will include the entire student body, and all of student council is helping to ensure this event will be a huge success. Get psyched, it is less than a month away...performances by *Uninvited Guests*...more details to come.

Also, don't forget... **Presidential Nominations** for the entire student body will be collected through today. Make sure to be heard! Campaigning will take place from March 9-March 15. The election will be March 16. Start thinking about Rep. Nominations, which will happen March 17-19.

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# National Sports Update for the week of February 26

**compiled by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
***Weekly* editor**

Andre Agassi, who won his first tennis title in 19 months last week, will represent the USA April 3-5 in first-round Davis Cup action versus Russia. The event will take place at the International Tennis Center at Stone Mountain, Ga., where Agassi won his Olympic gold medal in 1996. If Agassi wins two singles matches, he'll break Bill Tilden's U.S. Davis Cup record for consecutive singles match wins. Tilden won 16 matches in a row from 1920-27. Agassi has won 15 consecutive matches since 1991.

St. Louis, Mo.—Brett Hull wants the U.S. hockey players who trashed rooms at the Olympic village to step forward and apologize so other team members don't have to "suffer." The St. Louis Blues star was blamed in initial reports, along with Chris Chelios, Gary Suter, and Joel Otto. Hull angrily denied it, vouched for his suitemates and threatened to sue those "slandering" him. Hull said Monday he knows which players caused $3,000 in damage to the rooms and furniture but won't reveal their identities because it's not his place. He said an NHL official gave him the names.

Toronto, Ontario—The Maple Leafs signed team captain Mats Sundin to a multiyear contract extension Tuesday that ties him to the team through the 2001 season. Terms were not announced, but Sundin will immediately get a hefty raise. The all-star center was to have earned $1.8 million this season under his old contract. *The Toronto Sun* reported the deal could average $7 million to $8 million per season, based on the contract signed by Anaheim's Paul Kariya for $8.5 million.

Lawrence, Kan.—Paul Pierce scored 31 points, including 13 straight during a remarkable surge in the second half, and No. 4 Kansas capped a fourth straight unbeaten home season Monday with an emotionally-charged 83-70 victory over Oklahoma. The Jayhawks (30-3, 14-1 Big 12), who clinched the Big 12 championship on Saturday, ran their unbeaten home streak to 60 straight, a school record, as seniors LaFrentz and guards Billy Thomas and C.B. McGrath ended their home seasons with the distinction of never having lost at Allen Fieldhouse.

Chicago, Il—Michael Jordan scored 17 points and the Chicago Bulls stayed unbeaten in eight games since the All-Star break, routing the listless Cleveland Cavaliers 97-75 Monday night. The winning streak equals the Bulls' longest of the season, first reached in December. Luc Longley added 16 points, and Scottie Pippen, who rested on the bench with Jordan in the fourth quarter, had 13. Cleveland shot just 33% and had 19 turnovers. Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 15 and Shawn Kemp 13 for Cleveland, which lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

Ashburn, Va.—Dana Stubblefield, one of the NFL's best defensive tackles, left the San Francisco 49ers Monday to sign a $36 million, six-year contract with the Washington Redskins. Stubblefield was considered the premier tackle on the free agent market this offseason. He had 15 sacks last season and was voted The Associated Press defensive player of the year.

New York, NY—The NHL has rejected the lucrative offer sheet between Detroit Red Wings holdout center Sergei Fedorov and the Carolina Hurricanes, Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said Monday. Holland said the NHL is now planning a conference call with the NHL Players Association and an independent arbitrator regarding the offer sheet. The rejection of the offer sheet may have centered on the structuring of the deal. The deal called for a $12 million bonus to be spread equally over four years, but the bonus becomes payable in a lump sum if the team for which Fedorov plays reaches the conference final this season.

Durham, N.C.—Duke put college basketball on alert Sunday. Less than three weeks after surrendering the No. 1 ranking to North Carolina, the Blue Devils retook it with a flourish. They got center Elton Brand back from a broken foot, got a game-high 34 points from Trajan Langdon and overwhelmed UCLA 120-84 - the highest scoring total against the Bruins in their 80-year history. Voters in the USA TODAY/ESPN coaches' poll rewarded the Devils (25-2) with 28 of a possible 30 first-place votes and a return to No. 1 ahead of defending national champion Arizona. North Carolina fell to N. 3 after losing 86-72 to North Carolina State a day earlier.

Just months after losing its Most Valuable Player, Nikki McCray, to the WNBA, the ABL is in danger of watching Philadelphia Rage guard Dawn Staley follow suit, according to *The* (Portland) *Oregonian*. ABL commissioner Gary Cavalli said he had dinner with Staley-the starting point guard on the U.S. Olympic team-last month and acknowledged she is teetering between the leagues. Cavalli said Staley, a Philadelphia native, had several concerns, including the lack of fan support in Philadelphia and the team's league-worst record. Adding to the rumors is a report that Philadelphia 76ers president Pat Croce is trying to bring a WNBA team to Philadelphia by 1999.

Nagano, Japan—Team USA left the 18th Winter Olympics with 13 medals, matching the total from the Games four years ago. But it wasn't the traditional sports in which the Americans excelled. The newer, Gen-X sports of snowboarding and freestyle skiing, plus the debut of women's hockey, accounted for six medals. Still, U.S. Olympic organizers say they're satisfied with the American medal count, and expect the USA to end up with 20 medals in Salt Lake City in 2002.

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Go out and support the
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this week as they face off against Kutztown Tonight at 9:30 pm at the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena, Rink 2.

# Under Siege

***A weekly column examining the problems facing sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The 1998 Major League Baseball season is set to open sooner than you think. For the first time ever, the season begins this year in March.

The same teams that have been the frontrunners for the past years are poised to dominate the rest of the league in the upcoming season. Perennially, the New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, and Cleveland Indians have been the dominate forces in the American League, and the Atlanta Braves have been the most dominate team in the past decade in the National League.

Why have those four teams done so well for so long? The answer is simple. They have the money. In Major League Baseball, where no salary cap is imposed on the teams, the cities that have the most money buy the best players, and the cities that don't have the capital can't compete.

Take last year's World Series' Champions, the Florida Marlins. The Marlins only became a professional team in 1994, and three years later they've become the best team in the world.

This was accomplished by the Marlins signing a plethora of high-priced free agents, building up a huge team salary.

Of the twenty four Marlins on the championship team, almost none were products of their farm system. That's how to win in today's baseball: spend the money and buy the players.

In 1996, the Yankees had the highest payroll in baseball, and won the World Series.

The Braves were the National League representative in the Series, and had the highest payroll of their league.

The Orioles and Cardinals finished second in their leagues, and had the second highest payrolls.

The connection is clear. Baseball needs to implement some sort of salary cap seen in other professional sports.

Now, I know what you're saying, "Look at basketball, the sport with the strictest salary cap. The Bulls have won five of the past seven championships." You'd be right, but I think that's due more to the fact that the Bulls have on their team the greatest basketball player ever in Michael Jordan.

Think about it: the two years that Jordan didn't play a full season for the Bulls, they didn't win the championship. Take Chicago out of the NBA equation, and you have a fairly equal playing field.

Baseball needs to equal out its leagues. Small market cities like Montreal and Milwaukee just don't have enough cash to compete with the "big boys," and because of that, they're perennial losers.

It makes baseball boring to know at the beginning of a season that certain team can be automatically counted out of contention because they didn't sign any big name players.

But certain people disagree with that. In a recent editorial in *Baseball Weekly*, Deron Snyder wrote that he feels baseball is fine the way it is. He believes that small market cities shouldn't be given any financial assistance.

He writes, "Folks, when we say "major league," there's a reason. It should mean something. But some places just don't qualify." He goes on to say that "maybe [small market cities] were "all that" 20 or 30 years ago, but this is a whole new landscape. Are [they] still large and in charge? Or are [they] pathetic, poor-moth peons, sitting on [their] pity-pot looking for a handout?"

This concept is ludicrous. If an individual has more money than another he or she is not looked upon as being "better" than the other. The same should hold true for baseball franchises.

If Major League Baseball doesn't want the same monetarily powerful teams to dominate year after year, they need to implement some sort of salary cap or revenue sharing.

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# Golf team set to tee off spring season

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The sun is shining, the grass is green, and it is time to hit the links again. The Muhlenberg golf team is set to make its drive towards repeating as Centennial Conference Champs.

Last year, they shocked the rest of the conference by winning it all. This year they are the team everyone is looking to knock off. What a difference a year makes.

Usually, after winning a title, key players are lost and new players must fill the void. However, the Mule golfers were fortunate enough to not lose anyone, and gained some big time performers.

They are led by senior co-captains Rob Lobel, and Scott Olex. Head Coach Jeff Tipping is back as well to instruct the Mules to victories. However, it is a much different situation when you are the team everyone is gunning for.

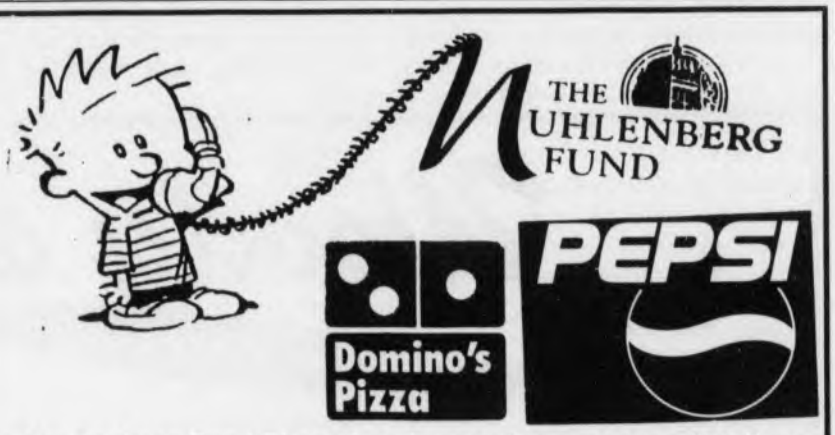
It is a challenge that Rob Lobel looks forward to.

"I think that we can and will repeat as champs. That is one of our goals. Yet, we also want to be nationally ranked. We have the fire power to do it."

The ammunition he is talking about is seniors Olex and James Tulli, as well as junior Bryan Mullins and sophomore Matt Skilton. All of these players were a major part of the championship team of a year ago. They have also added talented players in Steve Moore, Matt Berman, and Neil Bedhia.

This season should be an exciting one for the Mules. They continued their winning ways in the fall by winning the Moravian Invitational, led by Lobel who shot a 77.

The season starts March 29 at the York Invitational in Ocean City, Maryland. Matt Skilton sums it up best: "If everyone is healthy, we are in the spot we want to be to win it all again."




The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Susan Karakawa has been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Caller of the Week. Susan has been an ideal student-caller exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. Her great ability as a fund raiser has been instrumental in this year's higly successful Phonathon. As the recipient of the award, Susan has been given gift certificates donated by Pepsi and Domino's Pizza, who have been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.

# Profile of a Mule: Jason Jack

## *A weekly series highlighting prominent Muhlenberg athletes*

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* columnist**

College is supposed to be the time when you find yourself. During this search, one may come to realize that their goals have changed. For many people like me, that means changing majors or future plans.

However, for others it may take place in the athletic field. Jason Jack, a senior co-captain on the baseball team, began his career here as the star quarterback for the football team, not as a pitcher.

Baseball was not even on his mind as a freshman, but four years later; take a look at him now. Jason has had a great run in his three years on the baseball team. It is ironic at how close it came to never happening.

Jason began playing baseball at age 6. He was a terror in the T-ball league in Palmyra, New Jersey, where he still lives today.

Fortunately, they took a bat out of his hands in 6th grade and taught him how to be a pitcher.

Jason grew older and attended Palmyra High School. "We were not really that good. It was a small school; I graduated in a class with only 86 people, so athletic teams did not have many people."

Jason was forced to pitch every other day. When he was not starting, he would come in relief. This would prove to be a blessing, as it gave Jason plenty of experience when he reached the college level.

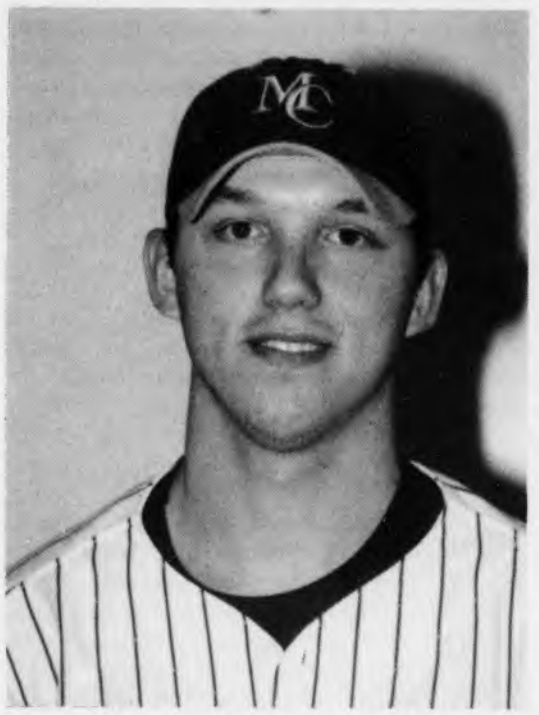
Jason decided to attend Muhlenberg, but not on account of baseball. He was the quarterback of his high school team and was heavily recruited.

"I was not sure on baseball when I graduated. I was more recognized in football, so that was the direction I went."

He looked at other Centennial Conference schools, but fell in love with Muhlenberg after his over-night visit. Jason only played football his first year here, and had a good season. He is the only freshman in school history to pass for 1,000 yards in a season.

Yet, he retired after his freshman season, and picked up baseball again. "I watched a lot of games that first year, and realized I wanted to be out there with the guys. I missed playing baseball."

Since returning, he has loved every minute of it, although he did notice a big difference in the level of play. "In college, you cannot just be a thrower, you have to be a pitcher. The hitters are just too good," Jason said.



Jason has been nothing short of superb in his career here. He has been named to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll, he's the teams' active career innings leader (103), was tied for the team lead in complete games last year (4), had the lowest walks average (2.7 per nine innings), and threw a complete game, five hitter against Washington. Not a bad career.

Jason has been through a lot of bad times over the past three seasons, but it has all come full circle. "The program is definitely moving in the right direction. We are now out-recruiting other schools in the conference, as well as bigger name schools," Jason said. "We are at the point now where we expect to win, not just be competitive."

The team is young this year; it has 20 freshman on its 27 man roster. Yet, the team believes it will contend. "If everyone stays healthy and plays at their level, we can definitely make a run at the title."

When asked on what his expectations for himself were, he merely said, "We just got to take them one game at a time, and the good lord willing everything falls into place. I am just happy to be a part of the team."

Well, we're happy you are a part of the team, too.

## 1997-98 Centennial Conference All-Conference Teams

**Men:**

**First Team:**
F Jim Doumato, Muhlenberg
F Greg Roehrig, Johns Hopkins
F Will Marshall, W. Maryland
G Michael Queenan, Muhlenberg
G Jerome Maiatico, F & M

**Second Team:**
F Bradd Burkhart, Washington
F Darren Sanborn, F & M
F Richard Barrett, Ursinus
G Tim Schofield, Swarthmore
G Mukul Kanabar, Haverford

**Honorable Mention:**
G Steven DeArment, Dickinson
G Matt Leddy, F & M
G Kamau Coar, Johns Hopkins

**Player of the year:**
Greg Roehrig, Johns Hopkins

**Women:**

**First Team:**
F Julie Anderson, J. Hopkins
F Katie Haley, W. Maryland
F Kelly McCarthy, Ursinus
G Sarah Clarke, Muhlenberg
G Angie Arnold, J. Hopkins

**Second Team:**
F Megan Larkin, Ursinus
F Colleen Leonard, Haverford
F Kathi Snyder, W. Maryland
G Jill Roth, Muhlenberg
G Steph Dravis, Gettysburg

**Honorable Mention:**
F Jen Gibbon, F & M
F Jamie Dawson, Gettysburg
F Marjahna Segers, J. Hopkins
G Jen Dravis, Gettysburg
G Kim Selemba, Dickinson

**Player of the year:**
Angie Arnold, Johns Hopkins

## Final '97-'98 Centennial Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Standings

**Men:**

**Eastern Division:**

| | conference | overall |
|---|---|---|
| Muhlenberg | 10-3 | 15-9 |
| Washington | 7-6 | 14-10 |
| Ursinus | 5-8 | 9-15 |
| Haverford | 4-9 | 7-17 |
| Swarthmore | 1-12 | 1-22 |

**Western Divsion:**

| | conference | overall |
|---|---|---|
| Johns Hopkins | 11-2 | 19-5 |
| F & M | 9-4 | 14-10 |
| Gettysburg | 7-6 | 13-11 |
| Western Md. | 6-7 | 11-12 |
| Dickinson | 5-8 | 9-15 |

**Women:**

**Eastern Division:**

| | conference | overall |
|---|---|---|
| Muhlenberg | 11-4 | 15-9 |
| Ursinus | 10-5 | 13-11 |
| Washington | 8-7 | 16-8 |
| Haverford | 4-11 | 9-15 |
| Swarthmore | 3-12 | 8-16 |
| Bryn Mawr | 0-15 | 1-23 |

**Western Division:**

| | conference | overall |
|---|---|---|
| Jons Hopkins | 13-1 | 21-3 |
| xWestern Md. | 10-4 | 15-9 |
| Gettysburg | 10-4 | 17-7 |
| F & M | 8-6 | 11-12 |
| Dickinson | 3-11 | 6-17 |

x-won tiebreaker game

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# Mules finish regular season in first place

## *Nine straight wins to end the year propel Muhlenberg to 10-3 in Centennial Conference*

*Final Conference Standings.....15*
*All-Conference Teams.....15*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg men's basketball team finished the regular season last Saturday with a 72-70 win over Centennial Conference Eastern Division rival Ursinus.

Sophomore Chris Kenny continued his strong play of late, scoring a career-high 23 points in the win. Kenny ended the season hitting over 43 percent of his shots from the field and over 37 percent from three-point range.

Senior Mike Queenan, playing in his final regular season home game, tossed in 21 points of his own, tying a season high.

Junior center Jim Doumato continued to dominate in the paint, tying a career high by grabbing 17 rebounds. Doumato also scored 16 points, 14 of which came in the second half.

The win was the ninth straight for the Mules, tying the longest single-season mark for consecutive wins by a Mule team in 50 years.

Of the nine wins, eight came against Centennial Conference opponents, putting the Mules in first place of the Eastern Division, three games ahead of second-place Washington.

The Mules' first-place finish was due in large part to the offensive explosion in the second half of the season. When asked about this turnaround in scoring, starting center Jim Doumato said, "There are two main things that led to our turnaround. The first was more repetition in practice that led to the team gelling, and the second was the coaches stressing spacing on offense. By spacing we opened up more driving space for the guards and created better post-up positions."

Doumato and co-captain Mike Queenan were recently named to the first-team All Centennial Conference squad.

In response to his selection, Doumato said, "I'm really surprised and appreciative of the coaches who voted for me. I'm glad they recognized Mike Queenan and myself."

The Mules will be graduating three seniors this year, Queenan, Jeff Graham, and Matt Henrich. Doumato was very appreciative of those three departing players. "We've really appreciated the seniors and their leadership skills all year. They were all like captains to us. They picked us up when we were losing and kept us level headed when we were winning."

In addition to the three seniors, Doumato singled out Chris Kenny and fellow sophomore Kenyamo McFarlane as two players who've stepped it up this season for the Mules. "Kenny got hot in the second half for us," Doumato said, "and Kenyamo really improved his game. He learned the offense and was a great rebounder and hustler for us."

The Mules improved with each game this year, and by season's end were playing like a championship caliber team. At press time, the Mules were preparing to face off against Franklin & Marshall in a semi-final game. If the Mules win, they'll play Saturday either at Johns Hopkins or home against Washington.

*Senior Mike Queenan was recently named to the First-Team All-Conference squad.*

# Lady Mules lose to Ursinus in final regular season game

## *Muhlenberg finishes season 11-4 in conference, wins third straight divisional title*

**by Tracey M. McGee**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The Muhlenberg women are entering a "new season" as their captains like to refer to the playoffs ahead of them. They really are looking forward to beginning again, on the road to victory. After clinching the Centennial Conference Eastern Division Championship, the team dropped a disappointing game to Ursinus last Saturday.

The regular season finale was a highlight for senior Sarah Bedi's career as she scored a career-high 26 points, which is also the most point by a Muhlenberg player in the past five years.

Junior Amanda Waterbury continued to impress, contributing eleven points. Junior captain Sarah Clarke returned from an injury to play only 19 minutes but racked up six assists, which tells you why she leads the Conference in that category. This stellar play wasn't enough to hold off the Bears and the game ended with a score of 71-64.

Captain Jill Roth said, "The Ursinus game was a big letdown, but we have used that as a stepping stone to the playoffs. We are approaching the playoffs as a new season, we have the title and we are there to defend it, it is definitely ours till that last minute has run out."

The team will definitely look to the bench for the experience that has come through ever since Sarah Clarke has been injured.

Senior captain Lisa Clarke, who is facing the end of her college career says, "I don't want my career to come to an end, but I hope I am able to leave on a good note. I got a taste of the playoffs last year, but it is completely different, my role is changed this year. The Division Championship is a nice close, but I want more! No team has ever won Centennial Conference two years in a row, and it would really be a nice way to end my career, as well as an exciting experience for the team as a whole."

The women have had a great season overall, and the good news just keeps pouring in. It was announced Tuesday that both Sarah Clarke and Jill Roth were named to the All-Conference team.

Clarke expressed surprise at her place on first-team because she has been sidelined for five games but says, "'Berg has won the Division Championship three years in a row, and it is about time we are represented on the first team."

Roth, who was named to second-team congratulates Clarke and adds that, "Sarah definitely deserves first-team and it is a great accomplishment for her."

When asked about the highlight of the season, junior Amanda Waterbury remembers the Scotty Wood Tournament because, "It was the first time the women ever won, and it got us off to a great start!"

***Junior Sarah Clarke is the first Lady Mule to be named to the First-Team All-Conference squad.***

The whole team is going to miss their seniors, and Waterbury says, "It will be especially hard for Coach Smith because they were her first recruited team, and we will miss them as the leaders among us."

The women will be losing two seniors in addition to Bedi and Clarke; the team will also miss Sue Carney and Lauren Krakowski. They have all been assets to the team, for their leadership abilities and the learning experience they provided.

'Berg is definitely represented among the statistical leaders of the Conference. Freshman Jess Drennan heads the field goal percentage standings. Sarah Clarke holds a steady second in three-point field goal percentage, while Bedi and Waterbury round out the field goal percentage and free throw percentage categories, respectively.

At press time, the Lady Mules were gearing up for their semifinal matchup against Western Maryland, who finished the season tied with Gettysburg and won in a tiebreaker game on Monday.

If Muhlenberg wins, they'll play either Ursinus or Johns Hopkins on Saturday.

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# The race for STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT underway

## *Three qualified candidates will face off at the polls on Monday, March 16*

## Lisa Ansorge '00

**PLATFORM:**

My greatest assets to the Student Council of Muhlenberg College are my abilities to listen, to take advice, and to follow through on ideas.

That is why I frequently ask members of our college community what they feel should take precedence as far as improvements to our school. We must focus on what is best for the student body as a whole, rather than what one person, such as the student body president, deems the most important.

I am currently in my sophomore year which is very beneficial in avoiding second-semester burnout of presidents in their senior year. Although it is my sophomore year, I am certainly not lacking in experience. I have been on council for two years, and I currently serve on the executive board as the Recording Secretary.

My work ethic is one of my most valued attributes. Once I become involved in a project, an issue, almost anything, I will not rest unless it is completed to the best of my ability.

I have played an essential role in the food committee, by submitting ideas from you to improve the food and the eating facilities on campus. The plans for renovation and expansion of Seegers Union should have been discussed with members of the student body, before anything was finalized. My hope is that in the next year, we can further improve upon faculty-student relations.

There are a few major issues that I would like to see implemented toward, in the near future. At many colleges it is possible to move in a day or two before classes start, in order to have sufficient time to drop and/or add courses if necessary, and simply to settle in before the semester begins. An extra day in August, before classes begin, would make the beginning of each school year much less hectic for both students and faculty members. Another scheduling conflict is returning to school on Easter Sunday in order to be ready for classes on Monday morning. There must be

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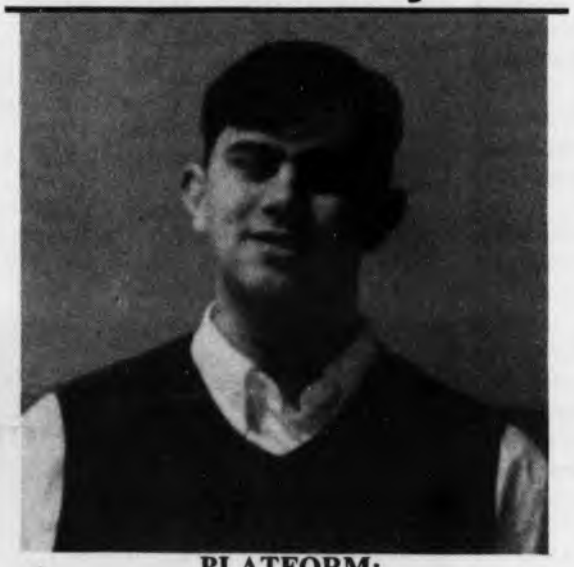
## Chris McClary '99



**PLATFORM:**

Currently serving as Student Body Vice President I have learned that the Student Body President is a position that entails great perseverance and dedication, responsibility and reliability, organization and leadership, motivation and inspiration, as well as experience and knowledge. I believe that I possess these characteristics and can effectively serve as your President of the student body.

As a three year member of student council I have actively served on numerous committees, chaired council operations, held a position on the executive council, as well as achieved accomplishments ranging from co-founding the food committee to planning the recent Winterfest '98.

The position of Student Body President needs to be filled with a student who reaches out to the entire student body. One of the greatest characteristics I have to offer is solid representation.

The various positions that I currently hold on campus keep me in constant contact with first year students, sophomores, juniors, seniors, faculty, and administration. Being a part of the basketball team has kept me involved with the underclassman, as well as my role on the judicial committee.

While serving on the hearing board I continually work with students from all years and various faculty and administrators. Another position that puts me in constant contact with the entire student body is my job as supervisor of the Life Sports Center. This interaction makes me an informative and accessible representative to the student body.

The most substantial thing

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## Stefan Miller '99

**PLATFORM:**

Hi, I am Stefan Miller and I am running for Student Body president. In my three years at Muhlenberg, I have been a part of numerous important organizations in varying capacitites. Among them are:

- Student Council
  -in my two years, I have been a member of the academics, communications, and safety committees.
- Co-chair of the Jefferson Elementary after school program.
  -helping underprivileged children with school work and arts and crafts.
- Chair of MAC Music 1996-1997
  -booked small bands, e.g. Love Seed Mama Jump, East Fest, Benfer Bash.
- Student Advisor
  -three years.
- GQ Late Night
  -involved in developing this program Freshman year.
- Member of the Muhlenberg Theater Association.
  -three years.
  -appeared in small-scale productions.
- Work Study
  -two years at Media Services
  -presently at Seegers Union front desk
- Leadership Conference at Muhlenberg
  -two years.

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# Nationline

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - The Arkansas Supreme Court delayed an execution Monday so a judge could consider whether it was proper to give the death penalty to a prisoner who might be insane without medication. Charles Singleton, who was scheduled to die by injection on Wednesday, has refused to stop taking anti-psychotic drugs even for mental evaluations that could help with his appeals. He received a stay of execution hours after he was moved to a cell 30 feet from the death chamber. Singleton, 38, has been on death row half of his life for the 1979 slaying of a Hamburg grocer during a robbery. The high court directed a state judge to hold a hearing on whether Singleton would be sane enough without medication to understand why he was being executed.

ELBA, Ala. - Heavy, steady rain in the Southeast over the weekend swelled a creek that broke through a levee and flooded this small town, forcing about 2,000 people to evacuate their homes. At least eight deaths in the region are blamed on the weather. Emergency officials closed roads and warned the flooding might continue for the next couple of days. The El Niño-powered storms also flooded creeks and streams in much of Georgia and caused tornadoes Monday morning in Florida.

LOS ANGELES - Remember the good old days? When it comes to paying for gasoline, this is one of them. Motorists can thank dropping crude oil prices and a price war among refiners and distributors, analysts say. The average all-grade pump price has dropped nearly 3 cents since Feb. 20, and the national average for self- and full-service combined was $1.0924 as of March 6. When the figures are adjusted for inflation, it means customers are getting the lowest price ever.

BOSTON - Quick action by museum watchman John Quinlan saved an abandoned infant early Sunday. A security camera picked up a woman dropping off a small bundle outside Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Quinlan rushed outside and found a crying 2-month-old baby. The woman, 28-year-old Cassie Somers of Solon, Maine, faces charges of cruelty and neglect to children and child abandonment. Police said the baby was hers and the child is in good condition.

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. - A family awoke Sunday to loud popping sounds and escaped just before a landslide sent their hillside home plunging into a canyon. The landslide was the latest in this coastal enclave since winter rains destabilized hillsides throughout California. The father of the family woke up to strange noises about 6:30 a.m. and got his wife and two small children out of bed, police Sgt. Greg Bartz said. The family called police and left the house. When officers arrived, the house had slipped 2 feet away from the street. Minutes later, the entire structure tumbled away.

NEWINGTON, Conn. - The accountant who gunned down four people at state lottery headquarters before killing himself had complained to newspapers months beforehand that lottery players were being cheated. Matthew Beck, who worked for the lottery more than eight years, claimed the Connecticut Lottery Corp. exaggerated potential winnings to spur ticket sales, and that store clerks were taking winning scratch tickets for themselves by cracking the computer system. Beck, 35, shot to death four of his bosses Friday, before taking his own life.

# Campus Safety Notes

## *Phone call harasser is caught in the act*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

2/23/98 – Theft of phone – Trumbower – Computer Lab #13
2/23/98 – Theft of chair – New West – stolen from a computer lab, but later found in another part of the building
2/24/98 – Theft of stand – Center for the Arts – computer printer stand with wheels was stolen from front lobby
2/24/98 – Theft of chairs – Brown Gym – 25 white folding chairs, located later
2/24/98 – Vandalism – Walz – student damaged water fountain on first floor – referred to Dean's Office
2/24/98 – Lost Keys – at Village West shopping center (corner of Tilghman and Cedar Crest Blvd.) – found and returned
2/25/98 – Sick Student – Delta Zeta
2/25/98 – Injured Student – Center for the Arts – puncture wound to hand
2/25/98 – Harassment by Communication – Walz – male-on-male
2/26/98 – Harassment by Communication – Prosser – hang-up calls
2/26/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – a male voice asked sexually explicit questions
2/26/98 – Vandalism – Walz basement - plastic ceiling light cover smashed
2/26/98 – Trespass/Soliciting- On-Campus – 3 non-students arrested, charged with trespassing for selling cologne for "Common Scents" – Edgar Solano of 747 N. 4th St., Allentown; Leonard J. Biro, III of 238 N. Jefferson St., Allentown; and Paul Toluba of 425 E. Laurel St., Bethlehem.
2/27/98 – Vandalism – Benfer Hall – 3 chairs
2/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – heavy breathing, hang-up calls
2/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – hang-up calls
2/27/98 – Underage Consumption of Alcohol – Prosser – a visitor
2/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – 5:00 AM phone calls, nothing said
2/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML – 5:05 AM phone calls
2/27/98 – Harassment by Communication – MacGregor – 5:30 AM caller asked if girl who answered the phone was drunk
2/28/98 – Vandalism – ML – graffiti: "Tool, you thought you could stop us"
2/28/98 – Criminal Mischief – 2400 block of Liberty St. – someone threw eggs at a parked vehicle
3/4/98 – Vandalism – ML – screen pushed out of window frame
3/5/98 – Theft – Trexler Library – theft of books, now returned – referred to Dean's Office
3/5/98 – Harassment by Communication – Student Mailbox – written harassment, a forged notice of charge from someone posing as a judicial officer
3/6/98 – Theft of property, lost or delivered by mistake – cooking grill from Wood Co.

**On Friday, March 6, the identity of the individual making a bulk of the harassing phone calls on campus was displayed on two Caller ID boxes. We are currently working with the Allentown Police to officially criminally prosecute the individual, whose name will be released after the charges are pressed. Campus Safety wishes to thank all the students who allowed the Caller ID boxes in their rooms.**

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# So you want to be an Resident Advisor?

by Elizabeth Page
*Weekly* Staff Writer

Twenty Muhlenberg students have just been invited to join the Residential Advising staff next fall.

You see them in your classes, you see them in your halls, you have them on your floors, with forty-seven on campus, Resident Advisors are basically all around. Did you ever stop to wonder just how they got to be where they are? How does someone actually become a Resident Advisor? Its actually not as easy as one may think.

Students seeking a position as an RA go through a grueling process that consists of three steps. These components include the application, a group interview and a individual interview. The RA position is a unique opportunity that students at Muhlenberg are encouraged to apply for to help develop their leadership and communication skills. This year there were forty-nine applicants, and approximately twenty will be needed, making the competition for a position fierce. There are forty-seven RA's altogether on campus but a number of RA's are returning. Returning RA's are not automatically given the position, but it is determined whether or not they will be hired again before anyone else is considered. Mary Beckwith, Assistant Director Housing and Residence Life says that when looking at applicants she looks for, "leadership ability, previous leadership experience, someone who communicates well and can motivate people, and who has a genuine concern for others."

Before a candidate can even go through with the selection process they must be able to meet specific criteria. This includes: having a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.40, being on good academic, residential and disciplinary standing, the candidate must be a sophomore, junior or senior at the time they take the position and they must have had at least one semester of resident experience. Needless to say, many students seeking the position do not meet the prerequisites that are required.

The first step is completing the application. The candidate must submit an application along with two references. The housing office then reads the application and uses the information to check the records of the students. If the student meets these standards, they pass the first round and go on to the group interview process.

The group interview is a unique part of the process. It involves putting applicants together in small groups. The groups are then given tasks and activities. Second-round candidates must work together at these problem solving activities. They are watched and judged by current RA's and professional staff. This round of the process assesses how the candidates handle working in a group and the strength of their communication skills.

The individual interview is the last step in the process. This interview is between the individual applicant and a group of current staff. After this step, the final selection is made and those chosen will be offered a position as a Resident Advisor.

Current Resident Advisors speak highly of their positions and experiences. Junior Jose-Luis Riera has been an RA for two years because he likes meeting people and being able to see residents grow and adapt to the college environment. He finds the most rewarding experience when, "someone tells you that you've made an impact on their life." Although Riera has many positive statements about his position, he does find one drawback. He expresses that, "The authority to uphold can be difficult because your a college student and you're friends with your residents so it can sometimes be a tough balance between authority and friendship."

Sophomore Emily Gerrert likes the fact that she is, "making a difference in peoples lives," and says she, "considers it an extension of my role of a big sister."

While being a Resident Advisor is not easy, neither is the process of obtaining the position. If you are looking for a challenge and a way to develop your leadership skills, an RA position might be what you are looking for. Applications for next year are already being reviewed, so while it is too late for the 1998-1999 school year, keep the idea in mind and submit your application next January.

# A detailed recap of Tuesday's Student Body Presidential Debate

by Perri-Brook Magit
*Weekly* Staff Writer

With the election this Monday for President, the Council among the three candidates in the running on Tuesday evening in the Red Door Café helped to inform students of the candidates' platforms. Stefan Miller, Chris McClary, and Lisa Ansorge are the candidates.

David Silber, the current Student Body President opened the debate by stating the importance of voting and the importance of attending a debate such as this one. He explained the rules which allowed the questions to be answered in a rotating pattern. Following the facilitating of questions from select Student Council and Weekly members, questions were taken from the floor. Questions included:

*What accomplishments are you most proud of?*

Miller says "A friend and I came up with the idea for Late Night G.Q." He added that is promotes safety and socializing. Ansorge said she is proud of her admissions work since she sees the incoming students and might have an influence in them. McClary says he has had a lot of experience on student council and boards.

*What are your goals?*

Miller says he wants to "decrease negativity on campus". He also has ideas for shuttle trips to nearby schools and cities. Ansorge says she wants to, "reach out to all of campus". McClary says he wants to "reach out and plan events."

*How would you help improve communication between council and other organizations?*

Miller says, "Without organizations student council is nothing.". McClary says, "We need to find out what students want and make improvements and changes." Ansorge says, "We are not even sure which organizations are in existence."

*What's wrong with Muhlenberg?*

Miller says, "The faculty and the students have an excellent relationship on the surface—but the do not—students are left out of the loop—there is no one solution to it." Ansorge says, "We need to improve communication between students and faculty—people are narrow minded. "McClary says, "Not enough students get involved."

*What can you offer as president?*

Ansorge says she is, "going out and asking students what they want." Miller says, "A new trait I discovered this year is that I am more radical. I love to get criticism on my ideas—it makes the ideas better." McClary says, "I have solid representation on campus. I am involved in Greek life, the basketball team, judicial, supervisor of the sports center—this makes me available and informed."

*How would you involve students?*

The three agreed that going to student ooms and putting letters in their mailboxes is the best way to get students involved.

*What are your feelings on the Council Recall Process:*

Ansorge says, "I hate Recall—it is extra work for me. "Miller says, "When you miss a meeting it should be documented so it creates a file system—then they should evaluate the excuses." McClary says, "the person on the council has a chance to explain."

*Why do you want to be Student Body President?*

McClary says he has had experience and "I fell like we are repeating the same ideas"
Ansorge says, "I am unbiased toward people on campus." Miller want to "improve school" and "get people off campus"

The election is this Monday—everyone is eligible to vote.

# Around Campus

*Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

compiled by
Amy Kern

**Alumni in the Classroom Week: March 23-27.** Ten professionals from a variety of fields look forward to small group meetings with students--a complete schedule of events is available in the OCDP. Students should sign up in the Office of Career Development and Placement; spaces are limited.

**OCDP Career Assistant Applications** are due April 1. The OCDP is accepting applications for the position of Career Assistants for the 1998-99 academic year. Position descriptions and application forms are available in the OCDP.

**The 3rd Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** sponsored by Hillel will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 7 P.M. in the Memorial Hall Gym. The event will help raise money for research on Tay-Sachs disease. There will be prizes for the winning teams. The cost is $5 per person / $15 per team. Return the registration form to the Hillel House via campus mail by March 25 or call x3244.

**Muses Poetry Reading** will be held on March 19 from 8:30-10:00 P.M. in the ML Underground. ANYTHING GOES! From the spoken word to the song lyric; ballad, free verse, rhymed and unrhymed; dance, music, prose; your own work or your favorite author; come show us your talent! Questions? Call Matt at x4212 or Sharon at 821-4951.

**Rainbow Space** will have a meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 7:00 pm. ALL, who are GAY FRIENDLY (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or ALLIES) are welcome. For the meeting's location, email rainbow@hal or call x4856.

Don't miss out on the Women's History Month Events! **"Paths Beyond Human-Centeredness: Lessons From Liberation Struggles"** will be held on March 18 at 8:00 P.M. in the CA Recital Hall. Co-sponsored by the Philosophy Department and the Humanities Program. For further information, contact Patrice DiQuinzio, Director of Women's Studies, Muhlenberg College at 821-3416.

**"America and the Holocaust,"** a lecture by Dr. David Wyman, will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 8:00 P.M. in the CA. Cosponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley and The Jewish Chautauqua Society.

***Send submissions for* Around Campus *to Amy Kern at Box 1739 or email kern@hal***

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# Letters to the Editor

## Council Responds to " Focus Questioned"

Although the writers of "Student Council Focus Questioned," George Saitta and Mark Koup, have attended no more than three Student Council meetings throughout the '97-'98 academic year, they have deemed themselves experts on such meetings. Saitta and Koup were indeed correct when they wrote that the Student Council Constitution states that after 9 absences over the two-semester school year; a member must automatically be discharged. A person not committed to the position s/he runs for should not be on Student Council for there are many students who would love to take part in Student Council. There is no room for a student who does not care. Fortunately, the people elected to such Student Council positions are capable, devoted representatives and officers.

When Koup and Saitta wrote "In honesty, there are students on Student Council who have missed 5+ sessions so far this '97-98 school year," they clearly dismissed the reasons why members missed Student Council meetings. Koup and Saitta also ignored many contributions throughout this school year. Student Council does not simply mean attending one weekly meeting. Instead, there are various responsibilities expected daily, such as both class and committee meetings, conducting surveys, and speaking with members of the community, administration and faculty. Student Council members are also active in theatre and athletic programs, as well as various community and campus wide events. It is neither fair nor possible then for any member of Student Council to be judged simply on behaviors at weekly meetings.

Student Council members perform "behind the scenes" work students may not be aware of, contrary to what Koup and Saitta believe. For example, have you ever considered who is trying to better the food on campus? The Student Council Food Committee has been devoted to improvements. Or what organization is making the campus safer at night by installing lights and call boxes? That would be Student Council working along side Ken Lupole. Or even who is improving the loft in the gym? The Athletics Committee is responsible. Student Council is on of Muhlenberg College's most active links between faculty and students. Many of the ideas behind campus projects originate from Student Council. While many improvements go unnoticed, they do occur for Student Council follows through on projects.

In response to the Norm MacDonald and T.J. and Joel shows, Student Council offered the students what they requested. Over 80% of the Student Body attended the MacDonald show. Although the attendance for T.J. and Joel was 15% of the student body, for an educational program at Muhlenberg College, the number of attendees is admirable. If it was not for Student Council, T.J. and Joel would not have made it to Muhlenberg at all. In fact, Student Council acted as the main sponsor for this program. As for Norm MacDonald's "warped sense of humor" neither Student Council nor MAC can be blamed. It is true that MacDonald received $17,500 to perform, while T.J. and Joel were paid $3500; this is not because Student Council considers MacDonald to be a more effective performer, but because these were their respective charges. The two events, however, cannot be compared.

It is pathetic when two *Weekly* editors cover a subject they know little about. If an editor is going to write an editorial one would think s/he could present accurate facts. For example, Student Council does not fund raise. Each semester, however, Student Council is allocated an amount of money, dependent upon the number of students enrolled for the given semester. Of course, one must understand when two editors rarely attend meetings, this could be easily confused or overlooked.

Every student has something to complain about, yet few students take action on campus. Anyone is entitled and even encouraged to write what they want in "The Weekly". Is this an effective method to better Muhlenberg? Because so many uninformed students find it easy to point fingers at what is wrong on campus, Student Council suggests running for office to improve events and facilities.

The very fact that Student Council continuously sponsors sports events, meets to increase student participation on campus, and improves college facilities demonstrates that all members go above and beyond weekly meetings. In actuality, weekly meetings are merely a way for all Council members to discuss current and upcoming projects with one another. We invite you all to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Muhlenberg College Student Council

## Worlds Perhaps Not So Far Apart

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone had a relaxing week wherever you were. Me-I headed across the Atlantic to London for an exciting and chaotic week of sight seeing and taking in the new culture. Such an international experience always seems to open one's mind to the infinite diversities of the mind.

During such an experience, one can't help but expand his imaginations and open his eyes to the vast differences across the world. The mystery of what lies beyond the walls of daily life slowly unfold; the world grows right before your eyes. It was liberating to walk about the green gardens, the city streets, and all of the pageantry of the Royal Family. Without a plan, and without a clue, my companion and I set off on an unforgettable exploration of London, England!

**Worlds Apart**
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

Yet among all the strange faces in the crowd it amazed me when I heard a familiar voice call out my name! As I turned, a familiar face stood before me... Muhlenberg! Aaaaahh! It was one of my classmates whom I had no idea was studying abroad. Amongst all of the hustle and bustle of a European city, it amazed me that I could bump into such a familiar face. My huge world shrunk right before my eyes.

Maybe the world that I looked down upon from my plane, isn't as enormous as it seems. Maybe we aren't as far apart as I sometimes think. I felt connected to the world, my world, and our world. Maybe we're not all worlds apart after all, although it sometimes seems that way!

## Wood Assures Sanitation

To the Editor-

I am writing you in response to the article printed in the February 12th edition about the sanitation practices in the General's Quarters and the Garden Room.

My name is John N. Forte and I am the General Manager of Dining Services for the Wood Company here at Muhlenberg College. After reading the letter in the paper, I met with the student / author to get more details from her. The purpose of my meeting was to get detailed information to help those employees she had observed and to let her and all of the students know the Wood Company's sanitation standards. All of the Wood management team took immediate action with all our staff, working through personal hygiene and food service sanitation.

The Wood Company has strict policies regarding sanitation in all of our locations. This includes constant monitoring, teaching, correcting, and improving our employees.

I would like all of the students to know that the management team here at Muhlenberg is constantly striving for sanitation excellence. If anyone would like to contact me directly for any reason, please feel free to call me at extension 3490. I would welcome any comments or concerns you may have.

The Wood Company's mission statement is to be the best food service management company, by pursuing lasting partnerships with our employees, clients, customers, and suppliers and by sharing our passion for food and service.

John N. Forte
General Manager

## O.C.D.P. Urges Preparation

To the Editor-

I made it home from campus this past Friday of Spring Break just in time to hear the story on the evening news. "Soon the Class of 1998 can take their parents on vacation." The story talked about how we are experiencing a strong economy, more jobs, and the best employment outlook in years. The newscaster went on to say that employers expected to do 9.4% more hiring in the Northeast. The biggest salary increase is expected for liberal arts majors- up 6.5% from last year.

What the news story did not say is that it still takes a great deal of work, time, energy, networking, and soul searching to succeed in today's market. Seniors, you have been prepared at Muhlenberg to be highly competitive. Don't get complacent and think the offers will roll in. You have to be ready to prove to each employer you meet why you are their candidate.

Use the Office of Career Development and Placement, network like crazy, put in the blood, sweat and tears necessary, and let employers know that you are not the average college graduate. You are much better! President Taylor and all your faculty have made sure of that.

Sincerely,

Lynda B. Garow
Director, Career Development and Placement

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# *Weekly* Endorses Miller

by
The *Weekly* Editorial Board

The Editorial Board of the Muhlenberg Weekly is endorsing Stefan Miller to be the next Student Body President. The decision was reached after analyzing the platforms and helping to facilitate the debate between the three candidates Chris McClary, Stefan Miller, and Lisa Ansorge.

Going into the debate, we as an Editorial Board were undecided as to which candidate to support. We saw strengths within each individual candidate, but feel that Miller possesses the necessary abilities to lead our student body.

During the debate, Miller clearly articulated many original and refreshing ideas. His "in your face" approach to reach out to apathetic students seemed different from the constant stream of surveys and meetings. We feel that Miller has implemented ideas in the past that have been effective, such as "late night GQ", and the newly proposed shuttle to and from the mall, theatres and grocery store. It is also our opinion that Miller will continue to implement ideas such as these in the future.

Miller was very well spoken and genuine in his responses during the debate. Miller will use these assets to his advantage, especially when working with students and faculty. He presented himself as a person who was sure of his position, yet was also very open to hearing opposing viewpoints. Miller mentioned that he often sees his own ideas improved through criticism from others. It is our belief that he will be willing to use such criticisms to his advantage, and thus will be serving the needs of our student body.

Another aspect that contributed to our endorsement of Miller is the "New Blood" that he brings to the Executive Board. We feel that having Miller preside over the Executive Board will enable a different viewpoint to be heard. Miller has experience on Student Council, and yet we feel that he relates well to the ideas of students not necessarily involved directly with Student Council.

In his platform, which is printed on the front page of this issue, Miller clearly defines his ideas. We feel that these ideas are realistic, and will appeal to the majority of Muhlenberg students. His platform also illustrates his previous accomplishments as both a Student Council member and a Muhlenberg student.

For these reasons combined, Stefan Miller is our candidate. He has displayed the character, integrity and ability necessary to lead the student body. Among the candidates, Miller's personal qualities separate him from the rest of the pack.

# Peterson Pleas Manslaughter

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

Brian Peterson copped a plea. You may recall, Peterson was arrested for the murder of his newborn son, along with his former girlfriend, Amy Grossberg. On Monday, Peterson pleaded guilty to manslaughter, effectively reducing his jail sentence to less than five years. However, as a stipulation in his agreement, Peterson must testify against his former girlfriend. The moral dilemma in this situation is that Grossberg could theoretically be sentenced to the death penalty as a result of her former lover's testimony.

Personally, I would not want the death sentence of anyone in my life on my conscious, especially if my testimony was the direct reason for the sentence. The only positive in the situation for Grossberg is that legal experts, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, say that Peterson's plea suggests a weak case against Grossberg.

This case touches a nerve in our nation. We as a society do not want to see our "best and brightest", such as these two kids from reputable colleges, to be involved in such situations. This is only supposed to happen in the inner cities, and when suburbia is confronted with a situation like this, all of a sudden there is cause for alarm. I suggest that we should start confronting these issues at all levels, not just when suburbia is affected. Believe it or not, this situation is not an isolated incident. We need a media that is willing to emphasize life situations in all parts of our nation, including cities and suburbs. Until this happens, we will be having in great detail how two prominent, white, affluent, well-educated kids got in over their heads. I suggest that it is our duty to recognize the greater implications of this story-that is that this happens more often than a few times a year, and it happens to people that may not be like Grossberg and Peterson. Until we start becoming concerned with the greater implications of this and all other stories like it, we are part of the problem.

# Lisa Ansorge Stresses Her Work Ethic

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a better way to organize the calendar, so as not to interrupt this major holiday.

The third issue that I would like to present is that of food and drinks in the library. I would like to see an area set aside where coffee and snacks would be sold, and it would be "legal" to eat and drink.

The Student Body President serves as the liaison between the students and the administration. I have the communication skills to go over and above what is required. I care immensely about all of us getting the most fulfilling college experience possible. The best way of determining our future is to become involved in what happens here on campus.

I am very open to new ideas; I want to hear from all of you. Please help me to help you get the most out of your college experience. Please do not forget to vote on March 16th.

# Solid Representation promised by McClary

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that I have learned from serving on student council for three years is that council needs to reach out to the students in a more effective manner.

I think it shows in my work on council that this is a major concern of mine, for the student council committees that I currently serve on are the only three that have non-student council members on them.

There are too many unanswered questions council has concerning the students' needs.

Where do the students want their money spent?

What improvements do the students want made to the Union and the Life Sports Center?

The harder we work to find out what the students want, the harder we are working as a student council.

Serving under three different presidents, I have learned what works and what does not work. I hope to apply my experience to the position of your Student Body President.

If you have any questions or comments, fell free to e-mail me (cmcclary), call me (x4055), or just stop me whenever you see me walking down Academic Row.

# Miller Highlights Goals For Next Year

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*My Goals for Next Year*

I've spent three great years at this school and would like to spend my senior year implementing some programs that will further enhance the Muhlenberg experience. Below are some of the ideas that I would like to begin working on immediately.

- Transportation
  -developing "The Weekend Shuttle" which will provide stops to movies, restaurants, malls, etc. throughout the weekend, commencing late March.
  -increased trips to Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, and Boston, e.g. other schools, sporting events, concerts, clubs, and theme parks.
  -bus or van service to athletic away games.
- A greater variety of vending machines in the dorms, e.g. milk, juice, coffee, soup, sandwiches, etc.
- Caller ID—option to all students.
- Air conditioning in dorm rooms—optional to all students.
- SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving)
  -a student service where one can call on weekends for nec essary rides back to school.
- Special Olympic games on campus.
- Student-run facility in Seegers Union
  -consisting of pool tables, ping pong, air hockey, shoot'em up basketball, card tables, and lounge area.
- Introductory computer courses offered to all students.
  -consisting of typing, word processing, and internet skills.
- Improving the availability of faculty to students.
  -Once a month, faculty mem bers of each department will congregate in a room where students can ask ques tions about anything from majors and minors to careers.
- No school on Easter Monday
  -With Easter falling on a Sun day, many students and fac ulty have to leave their fami lies in the middle of the holiday lunch or dinner to go back to school when they could and should be spend ing timeat home.

On Monday, you will be given the opportunity of selecting the person who will be looking after your best interests for the up-coming year. I hope I get your vote, but in any case, don't miss the chance to have your voice heard.

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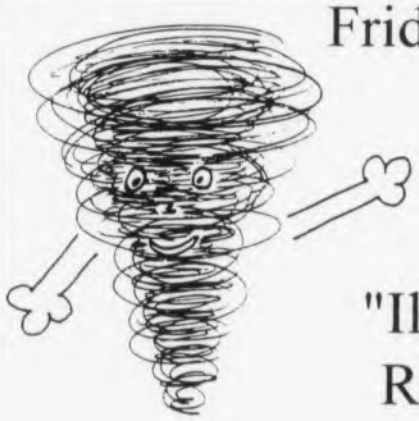

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"Illusion Run" - Red Door Cafe

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9:30pm - 1pm Trumbower
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"WHIRLWIND OF FUN"

# Lady Mules win back-to-back conference championships

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Centaurs to just one field goal in the next six minutes, and with the help of sophomore Caressa Lynch's pair of three-pointers, opened up a 38-31 lead.

After Allentown closed the gap to a mere four points, the Lady Mules relied once again on their free-throw shooting, hitting 7 of 8 down the stretch. The game ended with Muhlenberg pulling out an eight point win, 53-45.

Drennan finished the game with 20 points and a career-high 18 rebounds. Sarah Clarke finished with 11 points of her own, and junior Amanda Waterbury added eight points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Mules then moved on to the second round, where they traveled back down to Baltimore to take on Johns Hopkins just eight days after their conference title-winning performance.

Muhlenberg couldn't repeat its championship-game performance, losing to the Blue Jays by a score of 68-44.

The Lady Mules started slow once again, and after the first ten minutes were trailing Hopkins 17-4. Three-pointers by Sarah Clarke and Amy Sandt cut the lead to five points with five minutes to go in the first half, but that's as close as Muhlenberg got.

Hopkins led by ten at the break, and opened the second half with a 14-4 run.

Clarke was the Lady Mules' leading scorer with 12 points. She finished the season with 106 assists, tying her own school record she set last year.

Sarah Bedi chipped in ten points, raising her career total to 910, placing her third on Muhlenberg's all-time list.

The Lady Mules finished the season with a conference record of 11-4, and an overall record of 18-10.

# Mules win conference championship

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despite a late run, couldn't pull out a win, losing 77-61. Scranton jumped out to a 14-4 lead, and were ahead by 20 at halftime, 41-21.

In the first half the Mules' offense was nowhere to be seen, as they hit on only 28 percent of their shots and turned the ball over eight times.

In the second half the Royals continued to pour on the offense, opening up a 28 point lead. The Mules then used a full-court press to get back into the game, going on a 17-0 run that included two consecutive three-pointers by sophomore Mark Morrison and senior Mike Queenan scoring seven points.

The Mules managed to cut the lead to single digits, 61-52, with six minutes left to play, but that's as close as they could come, as Scranton put the game away, scoring all 16 of their final points from the free-throw line.

Doumato again led the Mules in scoring, finishing with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Doumato ended the season averaging 15.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game, becoming the first Mule in 20 years to average a double-double for a season.

Mike Queenan, playing in his final collegiate game, scored 11 points to give him 1,094 points in his career, good enough for 19th on the all-time Muhlenberg list.

The Mules finished the season with a conference record of 10-3 and an overall record of 17-10.

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# Under Siege

***A weekly column examining the problems facing sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Nykesha Sales should be ashamed of herself. So should the University of Connecticut, Villanova University, the commissioner of the Big East athletic conference, and the NCAA.

Nykesha Sales is a senior at UConn and, as of Tuesday, February 24th, the all-time leading scorer for the Huskies. She shouldn't be. She should be the second all-time leading scorer. A few days before the Villanova game on the 24th Sales tore ligaments in her leg, ending her season and her quest for the scoring title a mere two points short of the record. It was then that UConn Head Coach Geno Auriemma came up with his little scheme.

He orchestrated a scenario in which Sales, with her leg bandaged heavily, with a limp so pronounced that she could barely stand, walked onto the court at the beginning of the game and was allowed to shoot a layup, giving her the two points needed to break the record.

Auriemma had asked opposing Head Coach Harry Perretta for his permission, as well as Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese. All agreed. Then he asked Sales, and she too agreed to participate in this mockery of competitive sports.

Any sport, from professional to collegiate to little league, is based around a set of rules and guidelines that are in place to ensure fair play and equality. Deviation from these rules is prohibited. Anyone who breaks these rules is subject to punishment. That's how sports work.

The whole fiasco involving Sales makes a mockery of this ideal of sports. What do you tell a child watching the game when he asks, "Why did they let her make that basket?"

The sorry thing is that Sales would have had a stellar career, a stellar, unmarred, career, if she had not scored those two points. Athletes these days are so set on breaking records that this goal of statistical sovereignty shoves common sense by the wayside. Nobody would have dared called Sales a failure before the game a few weeks ago, but now the moniker of "cheater" seems appropriate.

Sales isn't the only one who's come away from this event looking like someone who has no place in sports. Comissioner Tranghese, when asked why he allowed the record to be broken, said that he would have hesitated to allow a man to engage in an action such as Sales', but because it was a woman, he found it acceptable. "Women break down, get emotional," said Tranghese.

Needless to say, a great many people were angered by those statements, which go against the women's equality movement in sports. Title IX guarantees that women are given equal treatment as men in collegiate sports, but Tranghese's statements seem to contradict that. It's absurd to think that just because the player in question is female, she should be judged under a different set of rules.

But you know what? She has been judged differently. Not long ago, Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers tried to set a record by scoring 40 or more points in a certain number of consecutive games. His Head Coach Johnny Davis encouraged this. Dana Barros of the Boston Celtics was witnessed running around the court launching up off-balance three-point shots in order to keep his streak of games with at least one three-pointer in tact. David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs, battling Shaquille O'Neal for the NBA scoring title, scored 77 points in the final regular season game; a game in which both his team and the opponents seemed to "allow" Robinson to score at will. All of these male basketball players were heavily criticized for their "selfish, stats-oriented" attitudes.

Sales, while certainly not lacking critics, has a great many supporters. Those supporters claim that she deserves to have the record. She deserves nothing of the sort. She deserves accolades for being one of the greatest female basketball players in UConn and NCAA history. She deserves reproach for being so statistically-oriented that she did what no athlete, at any level, is ever supposed to do: she broke the rules.

# CHAMPIONS!

## Men's and Women's teams both capture Centennial Conference titles

### *Men's team beats Hopkins in championship game, lose to Scranton in NCAA tournament*

**The 1997-98 Centennial Conference Champion Muhlenberg Men's Team**

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

If the Centennial Conference championship game were played on paper, Muhlenberg would have lost even before they boarded the bus to Johns Hopkins. Hopkins hadn't lost a home game all season, and Muhlenberg had gone 25 years without winning a game at Baltimore.

Luckily, the underdog Mules were given a chance to topple the heavily-favored Blue Jays. They capitalized on the chance, winning the game and the conference championship, 55-53.

Coming off a semi-final 90-80 overtime win against Franklin & Marshall, the Mules used superior defense to contain the potent Hopkins' offense. The Blue Jay's most dangerous offensive weapon, 1998 conference player of the year Greg Roehrig, was shut down by the smothering defense of sophomore Kenyamo McFarlane.

Junior and First-Team All Conference center Jim Doumato provided the offense for the Mules, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for his 15th double-double of the season. Doumato also dished out a career-high four assists. Entering the game, Doumato was averaging 17.9 points per game over the last thirteen games.

The three seniors on the team have also contributed to the Mules' winning ways in the playoffs. Matt Henrich scored 16 points in the semi-final win, tying a career-high. He also recorded eight assists. Henrich amassed 127 assists so far this season, making him the first Mule to reach triple figures in that category since 1979. He ended his career ranked third on the school's all-time career assist list with 323.

Fellow senior Jeff Graham has continued to shoot well, hitting a three-pointer in the championship game that capped a 9-0 Muhlenberg run late in the second half that gave the Mules a 46-40 lead.

Co-captain and First-Team All Conference guard Mike Queenan has averaged 12.6 points per game on better than 50 percent shooting since returning to the lineup after an ankle injury.

The win over Hopkins gave Muhlenberg their second Centennial Conference championship in four years, and their first win against Johns Hopkins since current Head Coach Dave Madeira's first game, back in 1987.

By winning the conference title, Muhlenberg was granted an automatic bid to the national NCAA Division III tournament. In the first round of the tournament the Mules traveled to the University of Scranton to take on the Royals.

The Mules got off to a slow start, and

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### *Women beat Allentown College to advance to second round of NCAA tournament*

**The 1997-98 Centennial Conference Champion Muhlenberg Women's Team**

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Johns Hopkins' women's basketball team had won 21 straight home games. This season they were ranked nationally as high as eighth. They had defeated Muhlenberg earlier in the season by a resounding 19 points, 72-53. It didn't matter.

Once the Lady Mules stepped onto the court to battle the Blue Jays for the Centennial Conference championship, all the statistics in the world couldn't stop them from becoming the first basketball team in conference history to win back-to-back titles and the first women's team to win the championship twice.

Muhlenberg relied on two offensive weapons, free throws, and total team defense to upset the heavily favored Blue Jays by a final score of 71-61.

In the final three minutes of the game, Muhlenberg sank 12 of 13 free throw attempts to clinch the victory. Muhlenberg was 32/37 (86.5 percent) from the line in the Hopkins game, and an astounding 56/62 (90.3 percent) in the playoffs.

Junior Jill Roth was the key to the Lady Mules' win, scoring a championship-game record 27 points.

Roth has been the most potent offensive weapon for the team this season, leading the Lady Mules in scoring (11.6 ppg), rebounding (6.0 rpg), three-pointers (32), and steals (49), and is second on the team in assists (64).

All-Conference First-Team guard Sarah Clarke, in only her third game back from a leg injury, scored 22 points, giving the Lady Mules two players with over 20 points in the same game for the first time in seven years. Clarke hit on 15 of 18 free throws attempted, both championship game records, and was 10 for 10 in the game's crucial final three minutes.

The win earned the Lady Mules an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III National Tournament. In the first round, Muhlenberg traveled across town to battle Allentown College.

The Lady Mules struggled early on, allowing the Centaurs to jump out to a 9-0 lead, and couldn't get on the scoreboard until almost seven minutes into the game. Freshman Jessica Drennan ended the scoring drought and converted a three-point play with 2:30 left in the first half to bring Muhlenberg into a 16-16 tie. The first half ended with Allentown on top, 20-18.

After seven minutes had passed in the second half, the game was tied at 28. The Lady Mules then held the

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# Ansorge and Miller face off in today's election

## *Student Council VP ousted after Monday's vote, many shocked*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

The result of Monday's student Body Presidential Election has led to a run-off between two candidates: sophomore Lisa Ansorge and junior Stefan Miller. The third candidate, junior Chris McClary, is now out of the race because he came in third during Monday's polls, in which no one candidate took a majority of the votes. A total of 610 students voted in the General Elections. This turnout of voters far supersedes last year's turnout of 433 and sets a record for Muhlenberg College.

For one of the three candidates to have directly won on Monday, someone would have had to receive fifty percent, plus one, of the popular vote. Needless to say, this did not occur and the run-off election is being held today in Seegers Union Lobby.

Election officials are only permitted to release specific percentages to the candidates themselves; the student body does not have access to this information.

"It was a very close race," remarked junior Ayla M. Tezel, Chair of the Council Operations Committee. Tezel, Student Body Corresponding Secretary, was elected to this position, normally McClary's, when he originally announced his candidacy after Spring Break.

"It was not a blowout by any means--all three candidates gave students much to think about," Tezel said. "When voters

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# Office of Admissions receives 3,000 applications

## *College moves up to "highly selective" rating in* Barron's Guide

**by Jodi Stark**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Muhlenberg College's Office of Admissions recently received its 3000th application, marking the highest number in Muhlenberg history. This is the third year in a row that general applications and the sixth year in a row that Early Decision applications have reached a record high number.

Dean of Admissions, Christopher Hooker-Haring commented on these large figures. "The college is seeing a tremendous amount of momentum being translated into more applications."

Every year the Office of Admissions fills a greater percentage of the first-year class through Early Decision applicants which have filled 193 seats of the projected 475 first-year students. This accounts for 40% of the incoming first-year class.

The Office of Admissions is looking to have a smaller first-year class than the previous years, making it tougher for students to be accepted to Muhlenberg.

Hooker-Haring said, "Students who would have been admitted three or four years ago are now being placed on waiting lists, but the things we value in the Muhlenberg student have remained the same." It is important for the applicants to have a very strong academic high school performance. They should be able to show through their past involvement in extra-curricular activities that they are going to make this campus interesting. Participation in community service as well as other leadership positions prove to play an important role in the school's consideration for admission. Attendance at campus tours and interviews are not required, although they are highly recommended.

Hooker-Haring stressed the significance of a demonstrated interest in Muhlenberg, adding that it is of "blooming importance."

Currently psychology and biology are the most popular majors, while theater is the fastest growing major. Head of the Department of Theatre Arts, Charles Richter, and Assistance Professor of Dance, Karen Dearborn, have said that over 100 applicants have come to Muhlenberg to do live performances. Hooker-Haring said that the students' interest in theatre is "just exploding."

This is the first year that Muhlenberg is now considered a "highly selective" school in the Barron's guide. Up until now, the college had been recognized as "very selective" but has since become more demanding in the admissions process. The highest category is "most selective," and Muhlenberg now stands just below that. Hooker-Haring commented on the benefits of Muhlenberg's strict selection process.

"The value of one's degree goes up as the college is successful on the admissions front. Employers often measure colleges in part by selectivity."

Although the application deadline of February 15 has already passed, fifty applications are expected to come in between now and May 1. This is due to reasons such as students suddenly realizing that they prefer a small school. The Office of Admissions recognizes that seventeen and eighteen year olds are constantly changing

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# Monks entice community with sand mandala

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Destroying their sacred sand painting and spreading its colored grains over nearby Cedar Creek, Tibetan Buddhist monks concluded their week-long visit to the Lehigh Valley on Saturday.

For five days, the monks painstakingly placed millions of grains of sand onto a small black platform in the center of Muhlenberg College's Martin Art Gallery. Traditional metal funnels called chakpur were rubbed together to effectively pour the grains, with the rate and intensity of the vibration used to control their flow.

"In Tibet this art is called a mandala," said Tenzen Dhargye. "It is a sacred Buddhist icon that represents the universe." At 25, Dhargye is one of the youngest monks in the group, and his strong English skills have also made him the likely spokesperson.

According to Buddhist tradition, every mandala has outer, inner, and secret meanings. On the outer level it represents the world in its divine form, on the inner level it represents a map by which the ordinary human mind is transformed into the enlightened mind, and on the secret level it depicts the primordial perfect balance of the subtle energies of the body and the clear light dimension of the mind. The creation of a sand mandala is said to effect a purification and healing on these three levels.

"Traditionally, a sand mandala is created when a need is felt for the healing of the environment and its beings," said Dhargye. "We consider the present day to be of great need in this respect."

As a symbol to the impermanence of life, the monks destroyed

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# Nationline

Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

BILLINGS, Mont. - Four anti-government Freemen were ejected from their criminal trial even before it began Monday, with one cursing the judge and prosecutors and another tearing up his nameplate at the defense table. Three Freemen were dragged - in and out - by federal marshals because they refused to walk into the courtroom. A fourth was in a wheelchair because he refused to walk into the courtroom. They are among six who face charges stemming from their 81-day standoff with the FBI on the plains of eastern Montana in 1996.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - The head of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. pleaded innocent Monday to charges that he skimmed money from companies doing business with the denomination. The Rev. Henry Lyons has been a target of state and federal investigations since last year, when his wife was charged with setting fire to an expensive waterfront house he owned with co-defendant Bernice Edwards. The judge set June 1999 as a tentative trial date. If convicted on all racketeering and grand theft charges, Lyons could receive up to 30 years in prison.

BOSTON - Dr. Benjamin Spock, the pediatrician whose common-sense theories of child care helped guide generations of parents and whose liberal politics generated praise and condemnation, died Sunday at his home in San Diego. No cause of death was given by Dr. Stephen Pauker, who announced the pediatrician's death Monday morning. Pauker had treated the ailing Spock for 12 years. Just 2½ weeks ago, Spock's wife pleaded for help in paying Spock's $10,000-a-month medical bills. "Baby and Child Care," first published in 1946, was the bible of parents in the baby boom that followed World War II. "Trust yourself," Spock told parents. "You know more than you think you do."

SEATTLE - The news that a former teacher is pregnant - possibly by the 14-year-old boy who fathered their daughter last year - means she could face new criminal charges. Mrs. Letourneau, 36, is serving 7½ years in prison for her sexual relationship with a former pupil. Her lawyer confirmed Saturday that she is six weeks pregnant, and said the boy is the likely father. Mrs. Letourneau received a suspended sentence in January after pleading guilty to second-degree rape and agreeing to stay away from him. She was imprisoned in February after she and the boy were found together in a car.

PHILADELPHIA - Men with low levels of cholesterol are at a higher risk of committing suicide or dying violently, according to a survey. Men with cholesterol levels less than 160 milligrams per deciliter died 50% more violent deaths than those with higher levels, according to a survey published in the *American College of Physicians' Annals of Internal Medicine*. Researchers said the key could be cholesterol's influence on serotonin, which acts as a neurotransmitter and a hormone and is believed to control violent behavior.

CORVALLIS, Ore. - Compounds found in the plant called hops, used to flavor and preserve beer, may help protect against cancer, researchers say. Studies indicated the compounds, called flavonoids, helped inhibit an enzyme that can activate the cancer process. Cancerous cells were treated with flavonoids, which were found to be toxic to them.

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# Campus Safety Notes

## *Walz freshman falls and can't get up*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

3/9/98 - Malicious Mischief/ Vandalism - SPE - smashed bottle

3/10/98 - Theft of projector - New West Classroom - Panasonic LCD Projector

3/10/98 - Suspicious Vehicle - Campus-wide - Temple Univ. student who works for the fairground police, talked to women students

3/10/98 - Fire Alarm - 319-321 N. 22nd St. - smoke from stove

3/11/98 - Investigation - Hoffman House - odor of gas, pilot light was burnt out

3/11/98 - Injured Student - Walz Hall - fell and lacerated his head

3/11/98 - Maintenance Problem - DZ house (Fred Augustus) - water running down into smoke detector

3/11/98 - Theft - Hillside House - black "Mudd" jeans

3/11/98 - Informational report - off-campus - students warned Campus Safety about the suspicious activity of a South Whitehall Township police vehicle. Campus Safety has spoken to the S. Whitehall Police Department.

3/12/98 - Theft - 2145 Chew St. - theft of the CD "Great Expectations"

3/12/98 - Harassment by Communication - East Hall A - a number of hang-up calls for the past 2-3 weeks

3/12/98 - Theft - ML - Muhlenberg watch with beige wrist band lost; was returned the next day

3/13/98 - Hit and Run/Underage Drinking - Off Campus - Michael Baggett of 314 New West, arrested for being an unlicensed operator of a vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident, and underage consumption of alcohol

3/13/98 - Alcohol Violation - Off Campus - Gregory Ferri of East Hall G - charged with driving under the influence and public drunkenness

3/13/98 - Vandalism - On Campus - azalea bushes were stepped on

3/13/98 - Theft - parking sticker - ML Lot - blue sticker #0301

3/13/98 - Harassment by Communication - Walz - girlfriend of a student against another student

3/13/98 - Theft of Money - Seeger's Union - from dining services

3/14/98 - Fire Alarm - Hoffman House - steam from hot water

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# MONKS destroyed creation

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the sand mandala shortly after its completion. Before an audience of about 200, the finished mandala was smeared, swept up, and placed in an urn. As half of the sand was distributed to the audience, the remainder was then carried to Cedar Creek. A majority of the on-lookers followed the monks to this point where the sand was finally deposited in a colorful closing ceremony. The waters are thought to carry the healing blessing to the ocean, and from there spread throughout the world for planetary healing.

*Buddhist monk uses a* **chak-pur** *to pour the sand*

"Most people can't believe that the painting is destroyed after its completion," remarked Dr. Susan Schwartz, a Religion Professor at Muhlenberg College. Schwartz organized the monks' visit for nearly a year and a half, and was ecstatic over the positive response they received from the college and the community.

"Things went very smoothly during their stay," added Schwartz, "and they are very grateful to the faculty members who hosted them for the week."

Their stay in the Lehigh Valley, however, is just part of what the monks call their "world tour." The group is only two months into what will be an 18-month stay in the United States.

The purpose of the tour is to introduce parts of their religion and culture to Western audiences. Tibetan culture has been under threat from Chinese authorities since 1959, when the Chinese destroyed an estimated 6,500 Tibetan monasteries.

As part of their effort to preserve Tibetan culture, the monks also try to raise money. Tibetan music, jewelry, religious artifacts, and incense are all sold during their construction of sand mandalas.

The next stop for the monks is Baltimore, Maryland. There they will build another sand mandala and continue their world tour.

# 3,000 applications sets record for Admissions Office

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their minds, and so it often considers these late applications. Decision letters will be mailed in two waves. The first was on March 10 and the second, on March 20, will consist of waitlists, rejections and a few acceptances. Students who are accepted have until May 1, the National Candidates Reply day, to give their response to the college.

Hooker- Haring emphasized that the continues rise in the number of applicants is not coincidental.

He said, "President Taylor is continuing an ongoing effort to define a very particular personality which sets Muhlenberg apart from other schools. Students who attend the college, as well as perspectives, sense this caring nature among the Muhlenberg community, and notice the willingness of their peers to extend themselves."

New facilities on campus have also caused an increased interest in the school.

A Performing Arts building and a new football stadium are expected to go under construction, as well as a new academic building.

Hooker-Haring said these changes show that Muhlenberg is not a college that is standing still. He commented, "As each new facility comes along, a whole new range of potential will open up. Perspective students are drawn to these promising opportunities."

# Election of 1996 proves controversial

**by Larry J. Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Controversial is the best way to describe the Student Body Election of 1996. The election featured four presidential hopefuls, four election violations, and one candidate who was forced to resign.

The four candidates in the Election of 1996 were Jason Carls, Cathi Collins, Eric Rudolf, and Mark Urban. After the general election, Carls and Rudolf were set to square off in a runoff as none of the candidates had the majority vote. This was not extraordinary.

What was extraordinary were the events that followed. On the Wednesday before the runoff election was set to occur, Rudolf filed a formal complaint against his opponent Carls.

According to the March 21, 1996 edition of the *Muhlenberg Weekly*, "Rudolf's four specific allegations of violations focus on the following: two separate warnings Carls received about exceeding the 50 poster limit, inappropriate phone solicitation via the established rule prohibiting solicitation by both mail and e-mail, public 'bad-mouthing' of fellow candidates during the election and illegally obtaining his election results from a source other than [Student Body President] Elizabeth McGarrie or [Chair of council Operations] David Silber."

Carls' supporters allegedly placed flyers on cars in the Prosser and 26th Street parking lots on the weekend before the first election.

In Rudolf's complaint, he stated, "I would like it to be known that two of Jason Carls' avid supporters have been linked to slanderous flyers placed on the windshields of students' cars. While there is no direct proof that Mr. Carls knew of this action, it shows poor judgment on his part as to the people with whom he chose to surround himself."

Carls withdrew from the election after finding that his supporters did illegally place the flyers on the cars. This was a direct violation of election policy.

In an interview immediately following the Election of 1996, Silber said, "[Carls] withdrew as a result of new information being brought to his attention and he thought it would be in his best interest to withdraw."

Following the withdrawl, Urban was given he opportunity to take on Rudolf in another runoff.

Three weeks after the first election, Rudolf defeated Urban and assumed the presidency of the Student Body. The election has been described by the March 28 edition of the *Weekly* as "the longest and most turbulent Student Body Election in Muhlenberg history."

The controversy surrounded whether Carls had knowledge of the plastering of the flyers on cars. Carls would have been disqualified if he had knowledge of his supporters' action.

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# ELECTION today

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entered the booths on Monday, they did not quickly exit." Tezel inferred that students probably spent time reading the recap of the presidential debate, published by *The Weekly*, which was available in the booths.

Many students expressed that they were surprised in Monday's results. First-year student Kristyn Wolfrom-Hallowell commented that she was "impressed yet surprsied that the student body would put their faith in a rising junior over a senior."

Out-going President David Silber agrees: "I was not only surprised by the turnout but also in the outcome of the two final candidates."

Although McClary is not in the final running, he did have strong support which goes to show how hard he has worked. "It is in his nature to be involved. Defeat won't bring him down," Tezel said.

McClary was not available for comment.

The two remaining candidates will face-off at the polls today.

Miller said he is "honored to have made it this far but worried that some of our supporters from Monday won't take time to vote again."

This week, Miller has been concentrating on getting his name out in an "in your face way. I've been going door-to-door to meet people. I truly want to make the school better in any way I can."

Ansorge has spent the final week touching base with many organizations. "I hope to speak to TKE brothers to gain their support."

"It will be interesting to see where McClary's votes will go," Tezel said. "To Miller or to Ansorge?"

"I feel that my opponent is well qualified," Miller said, "but I feel that I have the expereince and proven dedication to do the job right."

Ansorge feels that her "experience on Executive Board [as Recording Secretary] is essential for my impact on Council. No matter what, many great ideas have been put on the table and I hope that whoever wins will be able to follow through on all of them."

Both candidates urge all students to vote. Silber, too feels that less people will exercise their right to vote today, but stresses that *all* students are eligible to participate--seniors included. Voting booths are open unitl 6:30 pm today.

"It's really anybody's game now," Silber said. "The biggest surprise has already occured."

# AED inducts new members

**by Jodi Stark**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Muhlenberg's prestigious Pre-Medical/Pre-Health Honor Society welcomed twenty-two new members at a traditional and formal induction ceremony on Sunday.

The new inductees joined the eighty-one current members of the Society, and were addressed by Dr. Dennis Gingrich, the Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the Penn State University College of Medicine. Chemistry professor David N. Stehly, Ph.D., was inducted as an honorary member of Muhlenberg's Pennsylvania Nu Chapter.

The Pennsylvania Nu Chapter began in 1995 and is dedicated to excellence, education and service, according to Advisor Lori Provost. "AED is an academic society, but is also a service-oriented organization. In the health profession, you have to help people, so serving others is what the society is all about," explained Provost.

On Saturday, the Honor Society participated in a "Work for the Community Day." The students got paid for working around the Muhlenberg community, and donated the money they raised to charity.

AED brings speakers to campus on various topics.

For the past two years, they sponsored the Teddy Bear Drive for children in the Pediatric Unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital during the winter holidays. Members of the society also run the bi-annual Blood Drives on campus.

As President of AED, Tiana Shekari is greatful for the opportunities the organization provides.

"By participating in all the activities we sponsor my idea of medicine is broadened. In participating in all of the community service, I realized that learning about medicine is just as important as impacting and helping it."

To become a member of Muhlenberg's chapter of AED, you must have had three semesters of classes at Muhlenberg and have a science and cumulative GPA of 3.4.

# Campus mourns death of Officer

**By Mark A. Koup**
***Weekly* Editor**

Campus Safety Officer Richard Whittington passed away on Friday, February 27, 1998, according to Security Director Ken Lupole. Whittington was hospitalized on February 25, according to Lupole, and then passed away two days later.

When asked what Whittington's legacy will be, Lupole recalled how the minister at the Officer's funeral described his colleague. "He's probably up in heaven rearranging the security department," said the minister. Lupole smiled fondly and said, "That was Dick."

Lupole thought that Whittington enjoyed Commencement most. Lupole recalled how Whittington would stand by the stage, and shake hands with many of the students receiving their degrees. "In fact, many of the students would thank Dick personally for keeping an eye on them for four years."

When asked if Whittington would have any advice for students, Lupole paused, and then said, "Read the parking rules and regulations, always be up front and honest, enjoy your four years here because they go so fast, and be sure to stay out of trouble. That is what Dick stood for."

Officer Whittington is survived by his wife and three children. The entire Muhlenberg community will miss his presence and watchful eye.

# Muhlenberg College *Greek Update*

**Courtesy of**
**Brian Mauro**
**Head of Greek Affairs**

### *ORDER OF OMEGA*

The Order of Omega held it's annual induction on February 22.

The following Greeks were chosen to be inducted based upon their campus and community involvemet, academics, leadership, and committment to Greek Life. Less than five percent of Greeks can be inducted into the Order of Omega. The newly inducted are: *Noelle Bates, David Boelker, Brett Coplin, Larry Carney, Jr., Benjiman Di Lorenzo, Jay Faigenbaum, Meghan Herz, Susan Kraaij, Kathleen Metcalfe, Paul Peri, Jason Rubino, Gwen Sarver, Jen Scherer, Kelly Sczerba, Jeff Shapiro, Carolyn Smith, Ayla Tezel, Erica Weinstein, Jennifer Wysocki, Amy VanEenennaam, Mike Vitolo*

Administrative Inductee:
*Melissa Wardwell,*
Assistant Dean of Students

### *SORORITIES RECEIVE AWARDS*

At the recent Northeast Panhellinic Conference held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, the Muhlenberg College Panhellinic Council (Panhel is the governing body of the sororities comprised of three members from each soriority) collected some of the best awards distributed.

They won the Gamma Phi Beta Community Involvement Award for the sororitie's work with the Allentown Community.

The selection committee was especially impressed with their involvement in the Carnival held last spring. That award carried with it a check for $250.

Sarah Miner collected the "Outstanding Sorority Woman of the Year Award". She was selected out of all soriority members from the entire Northeastern United States. She was chosen out of an application pool of over 500 candidates representing schools from all over the northeast.

Finally, the sororities received an academic achievement award because the overall GPA of soriority members at Muhlenberg is consistently higher than the all female average.

### *SIGMA PHI EPSILON VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD SHELTER*

On Thursday, February 19, numerous Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers donated a few hours of their time to help out a local food bank. Navin Arora, Derek Sciencinski, Dan Hammer, Brian Dunfee, Reed Richards, John Briner, and Rubin Ortiz all helped with the local food drive.

The Food Bank received donations from the state government and local suppliers that have either excess or slightly damaged non-perishable food. These SigEp brothers generously contributed a part of their evening to help the local community. "It is a good way to give back to the community and it only takes a few hours a week," says Dunfee.

### *PHI SIG WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS*

Aimee Eberhardt, Amy Nelson, Melissa Schiess, and Kat Schmitz were recently inducted into Phi Sigma Sigma.

Love and roses, your Phi Sig Sisters.

# Around Campus

*Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

Dr. Francesca Grifo will present **"Global Diversity: Are We Saving All the Parts?"** on Friday, March 20 at 4 P.M. in Trumbower 130. The talk is sponsored by Environmental Science Studies, Lectures, and Forum.

The Office of Career Development and Placement presents **Dr. Jim Bloom** as the fourth speaker in the **Spring Speaker Series.** He will be speaking about **Careers in Writing** on Tuesday, March 24 at 3 P.M. in Seegers Union room 110. Sign up in the OCDP prior to attending the event.

**Muses Poetry Reading** will be held on March 19 from 8:30-10:00 P.M. in the ML Underground. ANYTHING GOES! From the spoken word to the song lyric; ballad, free verse, rhymed, and unrhymed; dance, music, prose; your own work or your favorite author; come show us your talent! Questions, call Matt at x4212 or Sharon at 821-4951.

A Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Dr. Charles Hackler will present **"Reforming Health Care: An Ethical Challenge"** on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 P.M. in Trumbower 130.

Don't miss out on the Women's History Month Events! On March 23, Eating Disorder Awareness Day, there will be a **Female Athlete Triad** at 9 A.M. in Seegers Union 108-110. There will also be an **Eating Disorder Panel Discussion** at 8 P.M. in the Garden Room. The events are co-sponsored by Counseling Services. On March 25, there will be an **Arts Festival Celebrating Women** at 8 P.M. in the ML Underground. The event is co-sponsored by SAGE. For further information, contact Patrice DiQuinzio, Director of Women's Studies, at 821-3416.

**SAGE** will hold its annual "Take Back the Night" ceremony on Thursday, March 26 at 8 pm. Participants will meet at the Haas Center and march to the chapel, to be followed by an open ceremony. The ceremony offers support for survivors of sexual violence, and is a unifying act that gives voice to the realities faced by women. Please call Aimee at 439-6185.

**Rainbow Space** will meet on Sunday, March 22 for some *social* time together as a group. The organization's mission will be negotiated and the future of the group will be discussed. The meeting will be held at **3 pm**. For location, contact x4856.

**Multilingual/Cultural Evening:** An evening of multilingual performances by Muhlenberg students. The students will perform in the Recital Hall, Friday, March 20 at 7 pm.

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# *Kissing a Fool* : A typically trite romantic comedy

**By Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

*Kissing a Fool*...quite a familiar sounding activity for most Muhlenberg students.

But that is an article that I'm not about to write, at least not at this point in time.

In this context, *Kissing a Fool* refers to the somewhat cheesy and completely contrived romantic comedy starring David Schwimmer and Jason Lee.

The 2 actors star as lifetime best friends who have fallen in love with the same woman; basically, its plot is strikingly reminiscent of about 2/3 of movies in its genre.

Schwimmer plays a character totally opposed to Ross on NBC's comedy *Friends*.

Instead of the sappy, kind-hearted character that we are accustomed to seeing every Thursday night, he shows a completely different side.

He portrays an egotistical sports broadcaster who uses women and throws them away as quickly as you can declaritively say "player."

Lee also strays from the parts that he was previously cast in Kevin Smith's off-the-wall *Mall Rats* and *Chasing Amy*. In this movie, his character is the more sensitive and feeling of the duo.

He pines away for his best friend's fiancee in private, not wanting to overstep any boundaries.

Ironically, it is Schwimmer's own wandering mind that sets him on the defensive. He projects his own tendencies to cheat onto his betrothed and comes up with a plan.

He instructs a reluctant Lee to try to woo her, as a test to her trustworthiness.

What results, of course, is a mess...

This love triangle is entirely a flashback told at the wedding, but the identity of the groom is not revealed until the very end of the film.

Actually, there are some good lines throughout the movie, and the script isn't bad.

Sadly, there just isn't much leeway or creativity when creating a film of this sort.

Schwimmer's performance was certainly comedic, and it was a relief to see him diverge from his normal, sappy characters.

Miraculously, he was more than able to pull it off.

Lee's performance was even more impressive. In this particular role he still held the sarcasm and cynicism of "Banky" from Smith's films, but added was an extra dose of emotionality.

All in all, *Kissing a Fool* is cute; your typical "feel good" romantic comedy. Its fault lies in its overdone sentimentality, in the truest sense of the word.

It provides audiences with a good watch, but has no deeper message than that.

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**Applications due - Friday, April 3**

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# Influences in Hip-Hop

## *A history and analyzation of the past and present influences in the increasingly evolving rap industry*

**By Christopher Dino**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Hip-hop, as we fans know, is always changing.

People's preferences change on rap as frequently as a teenager changes during puberty, forcing rap's sound to adjust accordingly.

Hip-hop, as well, could be considered a teenager, because of the fact it is a fairly young type of music.

But, there is a problem with all this change—we as fans tend to forget about the history of hip-hop and the key players who helped it evolve into what it is today.

Take for instance super producer turned MC, Puff Daddy. His songs become hits on the radio because of the sound he puts together.

But what many of his fans do not realize is that Puff Daddy tends to copy sounds from great MC's of the past.

No one ever gives credit to the originators of many copied songs, not just by Puff Daddy, but by many rap artists in the industry today.

It is a new wave in hip-hop to copy sounds from past songs. Some people agree with this fad, others totally disagree. Regardless, the original rappers should be credited for their work.

But there are some MC's today that still do mention past rappers who influenced them and their careers.

However, this does not do any good if fans do not know who they are talking about.

When politicians talk about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln as influences in their political careers, the general public surely knows those figures.

Even in other types of music, such as rock-n-roll, when a hot new group brings up the **Beatles** or the **Rolling Stones**, no one is confused as to who they are talking about.

So why don't hip-hop fans know the legends of this art form which they avidly follow?

There probably isn't one answer to that question.

One possible answer can be that there isn't enough information out there about hip-hop, because of the fact it has not been excepted by large parts of society today.

So, one possible solution to this problem is to inform as many people as possible about who were, or are in some cases, the greatest MC's in the history of rap.

In order to do so, I have compiled the 25 greatest MC's of all-time, having done extensive research to get the best possible list.

Of the top 25, these MC's were either known for their great lyrics, smoothest flow to the beat, influential lyrics on society and other MC's, or all of the above.

Here are the top 25, with the top three in order of the best:

**1. Rakim**- Known as the God of Rap and the greatest lyricist in rap history, his philosophical lyrics have influenced many other MC's to get into the industry. Also known for bringing new school rap in effect with his tight flow to the beat, he set off the Golden Age of Rap in the late 80's.

**2. KRS-One**- His powerful lyrics about hardships in society have influenced many to go out and get things done. He also has a perfect flow to the beats he puts around him. He matured as rap as a whole matured in time.

**3. Grandmaster Mele-Mel**- One of the members of **Grandmaster Flash's Furious Five**, his way of rapping about his life had many people in his community relate to his old school lyrics. He also is known for influencing the previous two's career. He was the first to prove rap was more than a fad.

And the rest of the top 25 in alphabetical order:

**Big Daddy Kane**- Part of the **Juice Crew All-Stars** that helped rap move along in the 80's.

**Chuck D**- Considered the most influential MC ever, with **Public Enemy** he flourished in the Golden Age.

**Common**- Brought rap fame to Chicago, his distinctive middle of the country flow was loved by all.

**DMC**- Part of **Run-DMC**, which kept rap alive in the 80's when there were many critics.

**Dr. Dre**- Originally part of **NWA**, introduced gansta rap and made west coast rap famous as a soloist.

**Erick Sermon**- One half of **EPMD**, who along with Rakim helped bring the new school into our lives.

**Ice Cube**- Also originally part of **NWA**, was more successful on his own as an MC with a universal style.

**Kool G Rap**- One of the most prominent old school figures.

**Kurtis Blow**- The first rap superstar, he had the first gold rap song. His songs are frequently sampled.

**LL Cool J**- The first rapper to go mainstream and platinum. His early years were very memorable.

**MC Shan**- **KRS-One**'s early counterparts, who helped push rap to a competitive level between MC's.

**Method Man**- Most visible member of rap's greatest dynasty, Wu-Tang Clan, who brought old to new.

**Nas**- Once considered heir to Rakim's throne, he still remains a major part of rap with his life stories.

**Notorious B.I.G.**- His death showed how great his hypnotizing lyrics touched his fans,as he relayed to them his true life experiences.

**Parrish Smith**- The other half of **EPMD**, whose laid back flow has made everyone want to dance.

**Phife Dawg**- Member of **A Tribe Called Quest**, who kept rap alive after the Golden Age was over.

**Q-Tip**- Another member of **A Tribe Called Quest**, who is known for rapping about people's actions.

**Redman**- One of the funkiest MC's to ever grace a mic, his lyrics make it seem there are no worries.

**Run**- Another member of Run-DMC, who was the strong foundation to rap when it seemed bleak.

**Rza**- Known as the man who keeps the Wu-Tang Dynasty together, his lyrics are ones to be analyzed.

**Slick Rick**- A major figure to society with his rap in the 80's and his imprisonment in the early 90's.

**Tupac Shakur**- Both loved and hated, the late Shakur was one of the greatest lyricist as well as influential figure to society.

Another Note: The rap group **Onyx** will be appearing at Lehigh University's Stabler Arena on either April 15th or 16th . The performance is in order to promote the group's new album. The final date and time will be announced shortly.

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# Your *Weekly* Horoscope
## Don't leave home without it!

*Dear Betty and Bonnie,*

*Lately I realized that stress can be such a killer! I exercise, meditate, and sleep on the weekends, but nothing is helping. Sometimes I break out in a sweat in the middle of the night. I also try listening to relaxing music, but between grades, parties and "boys," etc., my life seems like a giant stress ball. Will this feeling ever go away? What should I do?*

*—Desperate and Miserable*

***Dear Desperate and Miserable,***

***We think you should try stretching your toes and feet, and rotate your ankles. OK—now after you've tried this, we also suggest you stop and ask yourself a few questions. Get to the root of your stress, and last but not least, try and relax. Let yourself have a little freedom! Stop working overtime! Slow down and have fun!***

**ARIES**

Well, Aries, it looks as though you've had quite an eventful few days. Keep calm and it will all be done with soon enough. Watch for relationships with friends--it seems as if you're ignoring some of your nearest and deareset lately. Don't take for granted the support system that you built up for yourself. One day you might need a hand and end up without one.

**TAURUS**

This week certainly has been tumultuous for you, hasn't it Taurus? In fact, it seems that youve even been too busy to attend classes regularly. You need to focus your priorities, and soon after that, your life should start to fall into place. You're at too crucial of a time in the semester to start slacking off now.

**GEMINI**

Well, Gem, it seems as if you're suffering from a significant dose of confusion this week. There is the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel, however, and you're certainly nearing it soon. If need be, leave campus for the weekend. A change of scenery and pace is exactly what you need.

**CANCER**

You seem to be spreading yourself a tad thin, don't you think? It's wonderful that you're so busy, but just make sure that you don't sell one committment short for another. If you're juggling too much, perhaps you should re-evaluate your life and figure out what's truly important to you. That way, you can put all of your energy into what means the most to you.

**LEO**

Well Leo, the week ahead looks promising for you. You are in need of some rest and relaxation and it appears as though the time has finally come. Be careful not to relax too much. Remember where your true priorities lie and do not indulge yourself beyond that point. New opportunities may be opening up for you so keep your eyes and mind open.

**VIRGO**

You've been a little edgy recently, Virgo, and should probably take some time off. Treat yourself for a change and relax with good friends. Just be very aware of your surroundings and act accordingly. You have the potential to have the time of your life this weekend, Virgo. Go and try to make it the best of the year.

**LIBRA**

Well, well, well Libra. It seems you've been having quite the week. Why don't you try to recuperate a little and show a little more discretion for the coming up weekend. Not that you made a fool of yourself, but you certainly don't seem pleased with your actions. Your past track record shows that you'll have no problem getting back to your old self.

**SCORPIO**

Here it is, Thursday night, and you seem to be feeling a bit lonely, aren't you Scorp? Perhaps if you'd treated your so-called friends with a little more respect you wouldn't be in this situation. Try not to alienate anyone this week, and have the decency to show people some common courtesy. Your own life might actually improve if you learned some manners.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittarius, you need to get over the same old past issues and get on with your life! You can't keep ruminating over things that are totally finished. Sensitivity is an admirable trait, but you seem to be carrying it a little far recently. Tone it down!!

**CAPRICORN**

Things are going to start looking up for you soon, Capricorn. Just hang in there and your luck will change very soon. It's so easy to get discouraged, but keep treading water and soon you'll be in the clear. Besides, as the weather gets warmer (which it should, inevitably) your state of mind will further improve. Things will get easier, and you'll be able to let loose at the end of the semester.

**AQUARIUS**

What's with the attitude lately, Aquarius? You're so pleasant normally, so why the rotten mood? Your friends are starting to notice and to talk amongst themselves, so do some quick damage control. You need to snap out of it and return to your normal self. Your friends miss the old you.

**PISCES**

It seems someone has a crush on you Pisces--and it's not who you think it is. Don't overlook some of your best friends when attempting to determine who your secret admirer is. Realize that you're dealing with a rather touchy subject and try not to step on any toes.


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# Letters to the Editor

## Sales Deserves Record and Acclaim

To the Sports Editor:

I find it hard to believe that one who works so closely with sports can objectively view the Nykesha Sales debate as "wrong" and "breaking the rules." Coming from Connecticut and a family of UConn baskeball alums and supporters, I have heard many facts over the past few weeks which were left out of your article and make a real difference in the way this should be taken.

First of all, it was never Sales' intention to break the record in such a way. Head coach Geno Auriemma told regional newscasters this immediately following the game. Sales had been injured, torn the ligament in her Achilles' heel, and knew her collegiate career was over. She was aware of how close she was to breaking the school's record, in high scoring, but knew there was nothing she could do. Auriemma came up with the idea to let her "limp" on court and score the two points she needed. Another important fact that you overlook is that this was a *school* record, not a Big East record, not an NCAA record. I am quite sure that many of us have witnessed such events happen during high school games.

The girl who held the record, Kerri Bascome, set it in 1991; Auriemma even asked her if allowing Sales to break the record like this would be permissible to her. Bascome said of course, because had Sales not injured herself, she would have blown the record away, by at least thirty points.

Villanova's team also agreed to allow Sales to make the lay-up; UConn even let the Wildcats score two points before actually starting the game.

You say Sales "would have had a stellar, unmarred, career." She has had a stellar, unmarred career. Do you think, though, that Auriemma would have wanted his greatest work to be remembered as a player who got injured at an unfortunate time and came two points and a few games shy of breaking a school record by a landslide? I don't think so.

You also say that "cheater" is a more appropriate word for her than stellar. You claim that "she deserves reproach for being so statistically-oriented that she did what no athlete is ever supposed to do." How so? It was never her plan to make those points like that, it was all her coach's. Auriemma told her just prior to the game that everything had been set up. Maybe your article should have based itself around a coach trying to work the system to his advantage, or even the NBA athletes who probably get bonuses for breaking records, as they do if their team makes the championship and have made a mockery of good old-fashion sports. But don't blame a college senior who just wants to play basketball and be appreciated by the fans of women's basketball.

Jenny-Lynn Knotek

## Toilet Paper Gets Student's Attention

To the Editor:

The Chinese knew it. So did the Japanese, not to mention everyone in the US. The process which is formed by pulping fibers and causing them to mat and form a solid surface. The product produced has absorbent properties; also known as PAPER. The first form of paper was a sumerian clay tablet in the 4th Millennium BC. In the second century BC animal skin was used as a form of paper. Wood, leaves, and bark from the tree's were coated with wax to be used as a form of paper.

Add hundreds of years and this brings us up to date with today's society which uses technology in making advanced methods of producing paper, and also uses new improved components to make it tear strength, high impact, resistant to water, mold and resistant.

So I ask Muhlenberg this, "why are we behind in technology?" I'm going to forget about some other issues the students have such as 1. our out-of-date and obsolete Muhlenberg internet network and 2. the fact that we have no water fountains outside of campus and 3. we have to pay for the juke box in the GQ. These will have to wait for next week's issue...

For now, why don't we have some soft toilet paper. I want to see (PT) wipe his crack with the sandpaper the students have been using for the last decade. And then to think that you expect us to sit in a metal chair in a class for hours and hours...come on, what do you think this is, a real college?

Not to mention the safety hazards of the toilet paper we are currently using...1., it's flammable and 2., it's flammable. I tested the hypothesis of flammability on the restricted density of the proportion of paper to fire...and the result proved to be a final conclusion.

I thought of alternatives such as the use of Frat Paddles...At least it's soft wood! Notebook paper is good, as well as our text book...let's put them to good use!

If the school got soft paper we promise to recycle!

Sincerely,
Jon Mandelbaum
Class of 1999

## Singled Out Part II to Happen Tonight

Though the end of the term is nearing, Student Council has been as active as ever, dealing with many old and new issues on campus.

You can email us with questions or concerns at council@hal. Coming up this week is **Singled Out: Part Deux: Today, March 19** in the Garden Room at 8.

This event involves the whole school and is just $1 to watch. Come out to support the freshman class, and to have a good time as well. Everyone's invited!

Singled Out will be sponsored by the freshmen class, and Uninvited Guests will be performing!! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy both parts of the show!

Council Update
by Barry Engel
Class of 2001

Hard work has been put in by many on Student Council and it should be a blast to watch.

Also, <u>don't forget that today is the last day for nominations for both Student Council Representatives and Class Officers for the next term. Make sure the candidates that you want to serve are nominated.</u>

Remember, everyone has a voice, and that student council meets every Thursday night at 7 in the Hass College Center conference room, which is located on the third floor. All students are encouraged and invited to attend our meetings. We always welcome your input!

## Silber Bids Farewell

Dear Student Body:

I want to take this opportunity, not only to thank you for the fantastic turnout in Monday's Presidential election, but also to encourage you to vote again for the run-off taking place today. One year ago I was elected in an election which featured 433 votes cast and I immediately set a goal to surpass that number this year. The election on Monday had a total of 610 voters. A total of 306 votes would have been needed by one candidate to prevent the run-off. I would like to think that some of the increased interest in the election is a direct result of the quality work Student Council has done this year as well as recognition for the position being elected, Student Body President.

In addition to asking for your support in today's run-off election, I want to remind and ask that anyone interested not only in Student Council, but in the past, present, and future of Muhlenberg College, to nominate themselves and/or a friend for a position on the Council. Nominations conclude tonight at the Seegers Union desk at midnight and the election is Monday, March 30. In my four years on Student Council I have gained a lot, as well as given, and my challenge to each of you is to do the same.

Furthermore, I want to express my thanks to certain organizations and individuals whom have made being the President of the Student Body an irreplaceable experience. In no particular order I wish to thank Dean Ehrenberg, Melissa Wardwell, President and Mrs. Taylor, Jane Buczynski, Dick Begbie, Becky Grace, Brian Mauro, Loretta Carver, Mike Bruckner, The Weekly, Muhlenberg Activities Council, and all the Student Council sponsored organizations which are part of our community. Many people have committed themselves to making Muhlenberg a great place and without their support the current Student Council would never have accomplished its many goals.

In conclusion, I must say thank you to the 1997-1998 Student Council. In a year when Muhlenberg was changing, so were we. Everybody worked hard and followed through. That made us different, that made us successful. Every student who comes here has the right to make a difference and you chose to. Thank you for everything.

Most importantly, every student has the right to vote and I ask that you exercise it...many people are counting on you. We set a new record on Monday, let's break it today. All classes (including seniors) can vote today in the Union Lobby from 8 am to 6:30 p.m..

Thanks for the opportunity to be your President.

David S. Silber
Outgoing Student Body President

## Marko Felt Misunderstood

Dear Editor-

When I was reading the article about me in the February 26 edition of *The Weekly*, I noticed that some of the interviewees seemed to misunderstand my situation. Several people stated that if I was going to write an editorial, I had to be able to accept that there would be a reaction to it. I have no problem with getting a reaction, whether good or bad. My problem was with the college's request that I write a letter to the *Morning Call* saying that I didn't mean what I wrote.

The college, and everybody else, has a right to an opinion. I simply object to being asked to withdraw mine to allow the administration's to stand unchallenged.

Sincerely,
Heather Marko

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All letters submitted to *The Muhlenberg Weekly* must be signed by the author. However, names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in the Opinion section of the newspaper are those of the author(s). None necessarily reflect the views of the administration, student body or the Editorial Board. *The Weekly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammatical and legal purposes. The deadline for submission is the Sunday before the date of publication at 7:00 P.M.

# Letters to the Editor

## Greeks Implement New Party Policies

To the Student Body:

As you may or may not be aware the Interfraternity Council has recently drafted some new additions to the policies governing fraternity parties on the weekends. It is important for students, especially first year students, to realize that the fraternities assume a major liability when they open their house to students each weekend. It has become imperative that the fraternities take action to seriously reduce these risks. A policy has been drafted which will successfully reduce the number of parties open to the campus as a whole, reduce the amount of people at fraternity parties and encourage the planning of closed parties. Fraternities will not be allowed to register more than three consecutive parties. Guest lists will be adhered to when signing in for a fraternity party. If you are not on the provided guest list, do not expect to be automatically admitted to the party. In addition, registered guests of Muhlenberg students who have been properly registered with campus safety will only be admitted into a party if they are guests of a Muhlenberg student on the guest list for the party. Also, in an attempt to reduce liability risk, students who arrive at the party and are visibly intoxicated will not be admitted and asked to leave.

These steps have been taken to reduce the liability concerns of the various fraternal organizations. Being admitted into a fraternity party is a privilege, not a right. The continued existence of the party system depends on establishing a relationship of mutual respect and understanding between the students and the Greek organizations.

Sincerely,

Benjamin DiLorenzo, President IFC
Jon Strout, VP IFC
Jim Murray, Sec/Treas. IFC
Larry Carney, President SPE
Steve Arora, President TKE
David Boelker, President ATO
Louis Zelus, President AEPi
Andrew Buckwalter, President DTD

## Chris McClary Endorses Ansorge

To the Student Body-

As your current Student Body Vice-President I understand both the responsibilities and duties of the executive council; more specifically, however, I recognize the position of Student Body President and the dedication it requires. Lisa Ansorge is the one candidate in this run-off election capable of such dedication and commitment.

Having spent the last year on the executive council with Lisa as Recording Secretary, it is clear to me that she is both a sincere and genuine person who cares about the good of the school. She is a determined and hardworking student who follows through on her responsibilities and ideas. For example, Lisa devotes herself to the student council food committee, which concentrates on improving the quality of the food and service for our students. She not only delivers student recommendations to the committee, but she follows through on them to ensure completion in making the ideas a reality.

As an open-minded person, Lisa understands the Muhlenberg student community. She is in touch with her fellow students and welcomes new ideas. She is an effective communicator, who sets realistic goals for council. Lisa demonstrates the motivational and organizational skills necessary for a successful leadership position.

Although Lisa is a second year student, she has served in student council for the same amount of time as her opponent. Lisa truly does possess the most experience and dedication among the remaining candidates. It is with complete confidence that I proudly endorse Lisa Ansorge for our Student Body President. Lisa has earned your vote as well.

I would like to extend my gratitude for your support in this student body election. Now I ask of you to continue your support in today's run-off election for Student Body President. Please be sure to vote today before 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris McClary '99

## Students Encouraged to Voice Opinions

Another View
by George Saitta
Asst. Opinion Editor

The past two weeks have been a "battle of words" between Student Council and two of the *Weekly's* opinion editors, Saitta and Koup. Saitta and Koup's article has parked a great deal of controversy. In fact, many members of Student Council defined the article as highly offensive. Was the article really offensive? The decision is simply a matter of personal opinion.

Many students believe that the article was written to augment tensions, which already exist between Council and the *Weekly*. However, when you really think about it, both Saitta and Koup's article and Student Council's Letter to the Editor in response emulate a common theme. What is the theme? Simply, two organizations are better than one. Both Student Council and the *Weekly* have the potential to reach and influence a wide range of administrators and organizations on this campus.

Let us know, "What needs to be changed on this campus?" Submit your opinions to the *Weekly* as Letters to the Editor! Voice your opinions at Student Council's weekly meeting each Thursday evening!

Neither the *Weekly* nor Student Council likes a student body that is shy. Outspoken students make our jobs that much more interesting.

Both the editors of the *Weekly* and Student Council hope to improve their relationship for the future. At times, the Student Council has passed judgment on the *Weekly* and the *Weekly* has passed judgment on the Student Council for various reasons. With respect to the arguments of weeks past, there exists a great deal of wisdom in an old adage, "It is best to let sleeping dogs lie."

Together we possess the *oral* and *written* powers, which can make your overall college experience that much better. The main question is, "How do we use these powers?" "Are we using them appropriately?" "What really needs to be changed?" Please, do not be afraid to let us know! It's your campus too, and as your organizations, we are here to serve your needs. Don't hesitate to contact us.

## Organizations for All

by Ja'nine Marie Adderly
*Weekly* Staff Writer

Muhlenberg College offers a large selection of organizations on campus. Several clubs that are active on campus: Hillel Foundation, Black Students Association, Comunidad Latina Association, and the International Students Association. However, these organizations seem to have lead students, who do not fall in a certain category, into a state of confusion.

All events sponsored by these organizations are open to all students regardless of race, creed, or religion. Even if you are not an African American student, you can feel free to attend a Black Students Association dance party, go roller skating with one of the organizations, etc. Whenever you are walking in the Union and see a poster-board announcing Hillel's Shabbat Dinner, one should not feel excluded, if not from a Jewish background.

Some students feel that they do not belong at some functions on campus. However, the more you become familiar with the culture-related organizations on campus, the more fun you can have at Muhlenberg. When a person starts something new, whether a club, school, or sport, they tend to feel "funny" or different. One must keep this in mind, when exploring the various clubs on campus.

Muhlenberg College is a wonderful community. As part of this community, one should feel comfortable both with their peers and with the environment. No matter what your race or sex, feel free to be involved on this campus. Involvement in these organizations is an opportunity not only to associate with peers, but to learn about different cultures and various social, religious, and economic point-of-views.

## Student Apathy Explored

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

So we are going to have a run-off. The votes are in; Lisa Ansorge and Stefan Miller will face each other in a run-off election today. I found myself initially impressed with the turn out of the original election, but after I thought about the actual numbers (610 students voted) I can't help but to be a little bit disappointed.

This election featured three qualified candidates running for Student Body President. Each candidate presented a different approach to the Presidency, and I thought more than 1/3 of the student body would be interested in having their voices heard.

What causes such a low voter turnout? Why don't more students turn out for an election? I can't explain it. I would like to think that students would take an active interest in the politics and governing body of their college. However, voter turnouts have consistently shown that students simply don't care that much about student politics.

Students rarely attend Council meetings. In terms of the *Weekly*, we hardly ever receive submissions about Council from non-council students. Is anyone out there really interested in what's going on? Voter turnout does not reflect an active interest in student politics.

So we arrive today at a run off since none of the candidates received a majority of the votes. The run off virtually guarantees that a winner will be crowned, and Council will welcome a new President. Unless the voter turnout significantly increased from Monday to today, a majority of the student body was not heard from.

Do you care about what happens in your school? The truth is that the majority of campus leadership positions are held by the same people. It is not a coincidence that these people are also most likely to vote in the elections. It isn't even hard for students to vote. It takes virtually no time, effort or strain. Furthermore, it's not like people don't know when the elections are. One must have an impaired sense of reality to miss the countless signs, chalking, and other reinforcement about the election.

It is the duty of Council to serve the needs of the students. However, it is unfortunate that most student needs are never voiced, and once again, I am at a loss for words as to why this is. How much prodding do people need before they finally do more than just complain about things?

So we as a newspaper staff will continue to present the students with platforms, issues, and controversies relevant to what is going on at Muhlenberg. We will provide students with one account of the issues, and attempt to be as fair as possible. We also try to have different people cover different events, but we are limited by student interest. The only other question we need to ask would be: "Does anyone really care?"

# Under Siege

***A weekly column examining the problems facing sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Often in the past I've written on issues concerning rules in sports, and the penalties that should be imposed on those who break them. This week, for a change, I'm writing about a rule that makes no sense and should be significantly altered.

There's a rule that states that no collegiate athlete may lend his or her name or likeness to any sort of promotional or advertising campaign.

This rule is a sound one when it prevents college athletes from receiving vast sums of money or other types of payment from potential agents or sports boosters.

Collegiate athletes are still school students, and as such should receive no monetary compensation for their actions.

But the rule says that an athlete will lose his or her eligibility simply by appearing in some promotion even if no money is involved.

This rule has been brought into the national spotlight recently in conjunction with the United States women's Olympic ice hockey team. The squad of 20 won the gold medal, and were chosen to be the Olympic representatives on the front of the most recent Wheaties' cereal box.

But five of the players are still enrolled in college, or will be next year, and as collegiate athletes, are forbidden from appearing on the box under penalty of loss of amateur status. No money was given to any of the players who appeared on the box.

The five who were left out are: Jenny Schmidgall, who will be a freshman at Minnesota next year, Tara Mounsey, a sophomore at Brown, Sara DeCosta, a sophomore at Providence, A.J. Mleczko, a senior at Harvard, and Angela Ruggeiro, who has yet to decide on a college.

Schmidgall was quoted at saying, "I'm kind of jealous. I'm a little sad. But I still know it's my team, and I wouldn't want to take this away from anyone else."

DeCosta said, "It's very upsetting. They're representing our team, but not everyone can be there."

This rule is ludicrous. Twenty women traveled around the world to represent their country, left victorious, and twenty-five percent of them can't receive the accolades for their accomplishments.

The NCAA has no qualms about using it's players for its own commercials, but won't let anyone else. Senior Pat Garrity of the Notre Dame basketball team is featured in an NCAA television commercial designed to educate future collegiate athletes on eligibility requirements. That's a noble cause, and I applaud the NCAA for taking action to ensure that future players will meet requirements, but I also find them more than slightly hypocritical.

According to the NCAA, it's "ok" for Pat Garrity to advertise for them, but unacceptable for those five players to be showcased as winners.

Action should be taken by the NCAA to fix this rule. There's no reason why those women should lose their amateur status by appearing on a cereal box, an action that would have given them no rewards other than the publicity and respect women's sports are desperately in need of.

Special dispensation should have been given to collegiate athletes competing in the Olympic Games. Of course, no monetary rewards should have been allowed to be given, but these young men and women are the representatives of our country, and they should have been given the public exposure they deserved.

The NCAA makes millions upon millions of dollars every year off of its sports teams, while the student-athletes see none of it. The least they could be given is the respect that would come along with public exposure.

The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Karen Baab and Gillian Lotz have been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Callers of the Week. They have been ideal student-callers, exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. Their great ability as fund raisers has been instrumental in this year's higly successful Phonathon.

As the recipient of the award, they have been given gift certificates donated by Pepsi and Domino's Pizza, who have been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.

**HEY SENIORS!!**

***Do you have any pictures from freshman year? Be part of your yearbook's "Remember When" page.***

**Send all pictures to Carly Ringer, Box 2350, or call x4762 if you have any questions.**

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# Profile of a Mule: Chuck Draper

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* columnist

Many freshman come into college full of hope and confidence, only to have their bubble burst when they finally step into the game. Not only did Chuck Draper's bubble not burst, but it got bigger and bigger.

The sophomore star centerfielder put together one heck of a freshman campaign last year on the diamond. His year was impressive enough that he was voted a tri-captain.

Chuck hails from Trevose, Pa; just outside Philadelphia. He began playing Tee Ball at age 5, and as he put it, he was less than average.

"I was not real good. The coaches used to put me in left field and hide me."

Fortunately, Chuck got better. He attended the George School, a prep high school. Besides being the "stud" quarterback, he was the school's third baseman. He helped lead the George School to two league championships and numerous victories over current teammate Paul Luongo's high school. His talents were recognized as he was named to the All-County team in baseball and the All-League team in football.

Upon graduation, Chuck decided to attend Muhlenberg. "I liked the school and I wanted to go somewhere where I could play quarterback. The proximity to home, and the academic reputation made it worthwhile."

Chuck was the backup quarterback his freshman year and started as a wide receiver this year. He was one of the many weapons on the dominating Muhlenberg offense.

Baseball never really was in the plan for college. "I did not really want to play here, but when my playing time was limited in football, I decided to play." Now baseball is high on his priority list.

Chuck's first year ranks up with any Mule who has stepped onto the diamond. He hit .405, which was the best ever by a Mule freshman.

He also set the school record by driving in 36 runs. He also led the team in extra base hits, and his 47 hits and 4 home runs were good for second on the team. Chuck was also tied for second on the team with 25 runs scored.

He also had a 5 for 5 day with two home runs and 5 RBIs vs. Delaware Valley. He added two more 5 RBI games later in the season. If that was not good enough, he also picked up a victory in his only pitching appearance, going three scoreless innings vs. Heidelberg.

These numbers helped earn Chuck a spot on the All-Conference 2nd team at a position he never played before. Not bad!

"I didn't expect to come in and do what I did, but I knew I had the talent to accomplish it. I just came in and followed upperclassmen like Tim Mantz and Steve Faella, and listened to both Coach McLaughlin and Coach Albert, and everything just fell into place."

This year Chuck, along with fellow outfielder Steve Faella, was named as a "player to watch" by *Collegiate Baseball*, a national magazine. Under his leadership, the team looks to shine this year.

"We had a rocky start in Florida, only going 3 and 8, but I think that we have worked everything out. I see us being real successful and turning things around."

Many people have tried to say that the team's youth is going to be a tough hill to get over, but Chuck disagrees. "I am not concerned about the age of our team. We are a talented bunch that can come out and beat anyone on any given day." The season picks up again on Thursday at Moravian. Come watch one of Muhlenberg's best athletes in action.

# National Sports Update for the week of March 19

Information courtesy of
USA Today

OKLAHOMA CITY - Valparaiso's improbable run seems to have jumped right out of a scene from Hoosiers. The next thing you know, Dennis Hopper or Gene Hackman will show up on the Crusaders' bench. The little school from Indiana - the smallest school in the tourney - moved into the regional semifinals by beating Florida State 83-77 in overtime Sunday. Valparaiso, which defeated Mississippi on a last-second shot on Friday, got rebound baskets from Bob Jenkins and Antanas Vilcinskas in the final two minutes of OT to win its 13th straight game.

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Roshown McLeod scored 22 points as top-seeded Duke used two key momentum swings to record a 78-73 victory over eighth-seeded Oklahoma State in an NCAA Tournament second-round Midwest Region game. Trajan Langdon, who was scoreless in Friday's victory over Radford, added 17 points for the Blue Devils, who will play Syracuse in the South Region semifinals Friday.

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Dominik Hasek stopped 22 shots for his league-leading 10th shutout and the Buffalo Sabres scored three times in the third period for a 3-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins Sunday. Michael Peca had two goals and one assist for the Sabres, who were involved in a difficult game against Penguins goaltender Tom Barasso before breaking it open in the final 13 minutes. Wayne Primeau's goal 6:48 into the third period broke a scoreless tie. He deflected Peca's shot from the point past a screened Barrasso, giving the Sabres the lead for good.

CRANS MONTANA, Switzerland - In a startling reversal of his poor showing at the Olympics, Alberto Tomba won the last World Cup slalom of the season on Sunday. His 50th career victory came as many were anticipating his retirement announcement after nearly two years of mediocre performances. He was timed in 1 minute, 42.84 seconds.

FRESNO, Calif. - Fresno State center Avondre Jones has been thrown off the Bulldogs basketball team following his arrest for pointing a gun at a man, poking him with samuari swords and stealing money and a camera. Police also accused Kenny Brunner, a transfer from Georgetown who had planned to play next season, of the same offenses. Coach Jerry Tarkanian also suspended Brunner. The alleged incident occurred after Jones played in Monday night's second-round NIT victory over Memphis.

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox are prepared to offer first baseman Mo Vaughn a four-year, approximately $50 million contract, The Boston Globe reported Tuesday. That would give Vaughn an average of $12.5 million, matching the average salary pitcher Pedro Martinez will be paid under a six-year, $75 million contract. Vaughn, who can be a free agent after the coming season, said he has yet to receive a new offer from the Red Sox.

LAKELAND, Fla. - All-Star catcher Sandy Alomar of the Cleveland Indians strained his left groin while chasing a wild pitch against the Detroit Tigers on Monday. The injury will keep Alomar out approximately two weeks. Alomar, whose career year in 1997 included MVP honors in the All-Star game, arrived at camp bigger, stronger and healthier than last spring. He was batting .348 with a homer and five RBI in nine exhibition games. Alomar is coming off two healthy seasons after being plagued by injuries to his knees and hands every year from 1991-95.

LOS ANGELES - UCLA freshman guard Baron Davis suffered a tear in his left knee, and will miss the remainder of the NCAA tournament. Davis, the Bruins' assists and steals leader, tore his anterior cruciate ligament during the first half of UCLA's 85-82 win over Michigan on Sunday in the South Regional at Atlanta. Davis will immediately begin rehabilitation that will continue for three weeks before he undergoes reconstructive surgery.

SEATTLE - Gary Payton scored 12 of his 27 points in the final quarter and the Seattle SuperSonics improved to 3-0 against the Los Angeles Lakers this season with a 101-89 victory Monday. The Lakers came back from a 21-point, first-half deficit to tie the score in the final quarter before the Sonics pulled away in the final seven minutes. Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 25 points. The first-place Sonics hold a four-game lead over the Lakers, who had a six-game winning streak broken.

MIAMI - Grant Hill scored 26 points as the Detroit Pistons beat the Miami Heat 103-90 Monday. Brian Williams added 17 points for the Pistons, who won for only the third time in their last 14 road games and snapped an eight-game losing streak against Miami. Detroit got solid play off the bench from Jerry Stackhouse (13 points), Malik Sealy and Jerome Williams (11 points). Alonzo Mourning scored 26 points for Miami, which lost for only the fourth time in its last 22 games.

NEW YORK - The United States Golf Association on Monday gave Jack Nicklaus exemptions for the next three U.S. Opens through the year 2000. When Nicklaus was not among those given exemptions in January, it appeared his streak of consecutive major championships would end at 145 after this year's Masters. "The invitation was a surprise to Jack," said a spokesman for Nicklaus. "He told USGA officials he would call them back this week." This year's U.S. Open is June 18-21 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Packers coach Mike Holmgren has not talked to defensive end Reggie White possibly retiring since White got back last week from his pilgrimage to Israel. The Packers' future Hall of Famer is considering retiring because of persistent pain in his lower back caused by an inflamed disc and arthritis. The injury is believed to be the accumulation of White's 15 years in pro football, including 13 in the NFL. The last time Holmgren spoke to White was shortly after the Packers lost to Denver in the Super Bowl. "At that time, he felt it was time to hang it up," Holmgren said.

VAIL, Colo. - Not only did Olympic gold medal skier Picabo Street break her left leg last week in a season-ending World Cup downhill race in Switzerland, but also she seriously damaged her right knee, a U.S. Ski Team surgeon said Monday. Street won the Olympic super-G gold medal last month to cap a 14-month comeback from reconstruction of the left knee. Steadman said Street now needs reconstructive surgery on the other knee due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus.

# Baseball team begins season 3-8

## *Pitching a problem as Mules struggle on Florida trip*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg College baseball team recently opened its season on its annual trip South over spring break. The team played eleven games against teams from across the country, and ended the trip with a 3-8 record.

The problem for the Mules this year, just as in previous seasons, seems to be pitching. At the end of the Florida trip, Muhlenberg pitchers combined for a robust 11.36 earned run average, while opposing pitchers fared much better, sporting a 4.24 mark.

Junior southpaw Marc Lezinski emerged as the dominate starting pitcher for the Mules, leading the team in wins (2), era (4.50), innings pitched (12), opponents' batting average (.235), and strikeouts (16).

The only other Mule starter to record a win down South was senior and co-captain Jason Jack. When asked about the pitching predicament, Jack said, "The pitching struggled. We have to step it up. We have to hit our spots."

On the offensive front, the Mules seem to have things well in hand. Co-captains senior Steve Faella and sophomore Chuck Draper were both named to the preseason "30 Division III players to watch" list by collegiate baseball. Last season Faella hit .441, including six home runs in only 68 at-bats. Draper hit .405, and knocked in a school-record 36 runs.

This season, both players seem to have picked up right where they left off. Draper hit .323, and tied for the team lead in runs (10), hits (10), doubles (3), and home runs (2). Faella only hit .276 down South, but had ten hits, two home runs, and seven rbi's.

The surprise of the early season was the stellar offensive performance of freshman first baseman David Wolf. Over ten games, Wolf hit .370, good enough for third-best on the team. He also had ten hits, scored six runs, had three doubles, two home runs, and led the team in slugging percentage (.704) and rbi's (11).

One of Wolf's home runs was a grand slam, capping off a six rbi performance against Juniata College. Wolf is the first Mule freshman to hit a grand slam in 12 years.

When asked about the state of the offense, Faella said, "As the week went on, we started to come on, to hit more. We've had two good weeks of practice. We're going to put some runs on the board this season."

Perennially, the Mules have been victimized by shaky defense, but this season the team seems to have turned the corner, fielding at a respectable .919 clip.

When asked about the defense, Faella said, "The defense is the best it's been in the four years I've been here."

The Mules are an extremely young team this year, with nineteen of the twenty-seven players on the roster being freshmen.

Despite their inexperience, the Mules seem to be able to compete.

"We learned a lot about ourselves on the trip," said Faella. "If we're focused, we can play with anyone. Even though we're young, we can win now."

Jason Jack went on to say, "Basically, we need to develop a feeling of confidence. The trip South was a wake up call for all of us. We realized that we couldn't go from being bad last year to being good this year. We have to just work hard, and realize that we have to be competitive before we can be the best."

The Mules' play their first game up North today at Moravian.

"The Moravian game will be a good way for us to gauge ourselves, to find out just how good we are," said Jack.

Their first home game is Friday, March 27 against FDU-Madison.

*The 1998 Muhlenberg baseball team*

# Softball team goes 2-4 on Florida trip

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**Staff Writer**

The women's softball team started their season with a 2-4 record in the Rebel Spring Games at Ocoee, Florida. With only one senior, the juniors and sophomores will need to step up to take control of their games.

Heather Dreby did just that. A sophomore pitcher, she took a loss to Walsh College, 2-10, and Wartburg College, 2-6. However, she came back to record the only two wins for the Mules, the first against Misericordia (3-1) and the second a shutout against Dubuque (1-0). Junior Jackie Vanderstreet said, "Heather's pitching had a lot to do with the turnout. She pitched well, and we played well."

She pitched two complete games, and struck out six batters in twenty-three innings of work.

*The 1998 Muhlenberg softball team*

Kelly Woodcock, the Mules' only other starter at the time, lost both of her games, the first to Wittenberg (0-5) and the second to John Carroll (0-4).

Overall, however, Muhlenberg struggled on the offensive front, hitting only .218 against their opponents' mark of .309.

Elizabeth Billie, a junior catcher, had a .500 average, scoring on 3 of her 8 hits as well as hitting the only double. Billie also works well under pressure, driving in four runners from scoring position as well as stealing two bases on two attempts.

Junior outfielder Ali Hatola scored two of the Mules' total 8 runs. She also stole three bases on four attempts as well as recording four hits.

Senior outfielder Amy Bleakly, junior third baseman Jackie Vanderstreet, and sophomore outfielder Cheryl Godfrey also contributed, scoring one run apiece.

Junior first baseman Khara Pappadakis and junior shortstop Shelly Markowitz each drove in one run.

Vanderstreet said that the tempo was really up and down. "We were there physically, and we could have beat the teams; but we weren't mentally ready. Some days we were on and others we were off."

She adds that "We need to build confidence. We need to get the bats going. We could and should be Centennial Conference champions."

The Lady Mules start their season up North this Saturday at the Salisbury State Invitational, playing Mary Washington, Chowan, and William Paterson.

Their first home game comes on the 31st, against William Paterson.

***The Weekly* is currently searching for a freshman or sophomore to assume the position of Assistant Sports Editor, and to eventually become the next Sports Editor. Anyone interested should call *The Weekly* at x3187 or stop by the office in the basement of ML during office hours.**

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## LISA ANSORGE VOTED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

### *Sophomore woman elected to lead student body to new heights*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

From the offices in the Haas Center to the lounge in Seegers Union, many community members expressed shock when sophomore Lisa Ansorge came in first place at the polls last Thursday.

The General Election featured three qualified candidates, each of whom had previous Student Council experience. Junior Chris McClary, however, was eliminated after placing third in the polls, in which none of the candidates took a majority of the votes.

"Chris and I have a lot of mutual friendships," said Ansorge. "Since he was eliminated from the race I think many of the people torn between voting for the two of us in the first election may have chosen me in the run-off."

One week from tonight, Ansorge will assume her newly-elected position as Student Body President. Ansorge emerged victorious in last Thursday's run-off election between herself and junior Stefan Miller in what she calls an "excellent race."

In her two years at Muhlenberg, Ansorge has involved herself in several activities. She has been on Student Council both years, most recently as Recording Secretary, and she is also a part of the food committee which submits ideas from students to improve the food and eating facilities on campus.

Admittedly, Ansorge was not confident that she would, in fact, win the election; specifically against such accomplished opponents.

Regardless, Ansorge hopes that students voted according to their candidate's personal qualities, and not because of anything they might have heard along the way.

She added, "I think the fact that students supported a sophomore against two juniors says a lot about Muhlenberg. Sometimes it seems like our campus is very oriented towards the Greeks, and being an independent I may have been able to take a lot of votes which Chris and Stefan may not have taken."

Ansorge emphasized her ability to lead by example and her outreach to different areas of the campus.

Ansorge is not officially recognized as president until March 30 at which time she plans to further identify her goals and objectives after she has the opportunity to relate with her soon to-be-elected Council members as well as the Student Body. Yet Ansorge naturally urges the necessity of student-involvement on campus.

*President Elect Lisa Ansorge will soon take office*

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## Possible violations in Student Body Presidential election?

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

In a stunning revelation uncovered by *The Weekly*, election rules were possibly violated in last week's Student Body Presidential Campaign. Both candidates, Student Body President Elect Lisa Ansorge and runner-up Stefan Miller, each have been accused of a violation.

Ansorge's violation surrounds an e-mail that she sent to ten to fifteen members of the Chapel group. According to Election Rules, campaigning by e-mail is prohibited. While the e-mail did not explicitly solicit votes, the legality of the e-mail is under question.

Ansorge claims that the election rules are not strictly adhered to and this is not significant enough to result in a violation.

She said, "If you're going to take the rules exactly as they are written, it was [an election violation]. In the context of the situation, I don't think it was. It was a friendly election and I don't think anyone was con-

see VIOLATIONS on page 4

## Student body meeting attended by only 2.7 percent of students

### *Student council sets strong agenda but attracts few students who care*

**by Heidi Herder**
**Managing Editor**

This semester's Student Body Meeting showed a poor representation of the Muhlenberg community. Held in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts on Monday, attendance reflected less than three percent of the Student Body.

Including members of Student Council's Executive Board and the Weekly staff, the total number of students in attendance was a mere 55 and the majority of those were members of the Emerging Leaders Program, who were required to attend.

Each Council committee representative(s) presented reports on what they have done this semester and what they are planning for the rest of the year.

The Athletic Committee, headed by Jay Donnelly and Milena Negrao, is looking to make changes to the weight room and exercise loft in the Sports Center, based on responses to a survey they sent out to students. Students have requested expansion of the weight room, more items in the weight room such as free weights, as well as more tread mills, ab rollers, and a television in the loft.

To fund these improvements, the Athletic Committee is planning several fund raising events. They will be hosting a faculty/student softball game to be held April 14 (Rain date will be April 23) under the lights on the field at 7 pm. To be a part of the event participants must receive twenty dollars in sponsors. As there will be no all-campus carnival this year, there will be food and booths at the softball game for all students and faculty families. Also being planned is an athlete auction to be held at East Fest on April 18 around 6:30 pm. The committee is asking the athletic teams to put up three or four of their members to be auctioned off for a day. The athlete will go to the highest bidder and can be used to do anything from washing cars to cleaning rooms.

The Food Committee reminded students that the fat free turkey in the GQ no longer costs more money. They also informed students that the Wood Company is in the process of creating a Web page where students can go to see what is on the menu each day and voice their complaints.

The Academics Committee reminded students to declare their majors now if they haven't already. This will create more open spots for students in the classes that they need for their major come registration time.

Despite the efforts of Jamie Hollender and the Benfer RAs, Benfer Bash will be moved to the lawn out front of the Haas building this year on April 25. Construction will be beginning shortly for the expansion of the CA, and this will mean too much equipment and dirt for the college to have the function behind Benfer.

In a few weeks there will also be no more parking for Benfer residents outside of the building and students will have to park their cars in the 26th street lot or on the streets. Student Council is working with Campus Safety to be a little more lenient with the Benfer students in terms of ticketing, perhaps allowing them to park behind the library. There is also mention of putting a path between the 26th street lot and Benfer, but there is no final word yet because the College does not own that property.

East Fest is scheduled for April 18 in the quad between East Hall and Martin Luther Hall. The event will be BYOB for those twenty-one and over. Featured at the event will be laser tag, a bungee run, the athlete auction, a band, and dinner.

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# Nationline

Information courtesy of *USA Today*.

**Jonesboro, Ark.--** Two young boys wearing camouflage ambushed a group of middle school students Tuesday as they assembled outside during a fake fire alarm. Three people were killed and at least 12 injured. One of the shooters was 11 and the other 13. He said the suspects were lying in wait in nearby woods. Two rifles and other weapons were recovered, an officer said. A school official said two of the wounded are teachers. The suspects have been taken to the county jail.

**San Francisco--**The Boy Scouts are not covered by California civil rights laws and can exclude gays, agnostics and atheists, the state Supreme Court ruled Monday. The court said the Scouts are not a business and therefore are free, like private clubs, to set their own membership policies. One ruling upheld a decision by a Contra Costa County Scout organization in 1981 to reject an 18-year-old former Eagle Scout as an assistant scoutmaster after learning he was homosexual. The other ruling involved 9-year-old twin brothers who were barred by an Orange County Cub Scout den in 1990 after they refused to declare a belief in God.

**Brea, Calif.--**Narcotics officers pressured a 17-year-old boy into undercover work during which he was strangled and his girlfriend raped and left for dead, a lawyer charged. Chad MacDonald had agreed to take on the work in exchange for getting a drug charge dropped, said attorney Lloyd Charton. MacDonald was working as an informant when he and his girlfriend went to a drug hangout, Charton said. They were allegedly held for two days, then driven to Angeles National Forest where she was raped and shot. MacDonald's body was found in a L.A. alley the same day, leading to the arrest of two suspects. Police Chief William Lentini denies the charge.

**Herndon, PA.--**The small town dealing with the deaths of 11 young people in a cabin fire Sunday is getting help from the nearby community of Montoursville, where 21 victims of TWA Flight 800 attended school. Citizens came to help the town of Herndon Monday. The 11 victims died early Sunday when fire engulfed a hunting cabin on Madisonburg Mountain. The victims apparently all died in bed without trying to escape. At least four died of smoke inhalation, but the cause of the fire has not been determined.

**Starke, Fla.--**A former short order cook who confessed to 41 murders was executed Monday morning in Florida's electric chair. It was the first execution in Florida since flames flared from a condemned man's mask a year ago and is the first of four electrocutions scheduled for the next eight days. Gerald Stano, 46, was executed Monday for killing a 17-year-old hitchhiker in December 1973. He later confessed to a total of 41 murders, mostly of prostitutes and runaways.

**Pembrooke Pines, Fla.--** Judy Buenoano, the "black widow" and 54-year-old grandmother, will be executed in Florida on March 30 at 7 a.m., for the death of her husband in 1971, the drowning death of her paralyzed son in 1980 and the attempted murder of her boyfriend in 1985. She will be the first woman executed in Florida in 150 years. But her case is a quiet affair: no headlines, no big names like the Rev. Jesse Jackson begging for clemency, and no fear of her death in the electric chair nicknamed Ol' Sparky. "I'm ready to sit in the white seat of judgment," she says.

# Campus Safety Notes

## *Bras and panties stolen from ML*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

3/16/98 – Theft – Walz – student believes CDs stolen from his room, or left on bus over Spring Break

3/17/98 – Sick Student – Millerheim House – abdominal pain and vomiting

3/17/98 – Vandalism – Benfer – chair was thrown onto the lawn and broken

3/17/98 – Vehicle Vjolation – 26th and Chew St. – freshmen with unregistered cars

3/17/98 – Providing alcohol to minors – TKE – referred to Dean's Office

3/18/98 – Fire Alarm – Prosser – vandalism to alarm system

3/18/98 – Providing alcohol to minors – ATO – referred to Dean's Office

3/18/98 – Suspicious Persons – Millerheim House – two individuals on front porch area; Campus Safety searched area – one may have been an African American of Hispanic heavy-set male, 5'10" – both drove away in a blue or green car and may have been between the ages of 20-25

3/19/98 – Noise Complaint – Walz – music from room

3/19/98 – Trespassing – ML – student on leave of absence harassed students, was sent a Letter of Trespass

3/19/98 – Fire Alarm – MacGregor 106 – food on stove

3/19/98 – Information – Off-Campus – harassment – victim was followed, Campus Safety involved S. Whitehall Police

3/20/98 – Harassment by Communication – ML - received a phone call, a male voice whispered twice: "How hot are you"

3/20/98 – Theft – ML – underwear

3/20/98 – Fire Alarm – Benfer – pull-box for fire alarm inside of a room was pulled because door was unlocked

3/20/98 – Vandalism – Parents Plaza – turtle statue spray-painted black and blue; a bench was spray-painted with the word "pussy"; a vehicle in the faculty/staff parking lot had a small amount of spray-paint on it

3/20/98 – Vandalism – Walz third floor – broken glass in the phone booth

3/20/98 – Suspicious Vehicle – Off-Campus – followed to campus – mid-80s dark blue Camaro or Trans Am – 2 males, driver could have been Hispanic with a white passenger – Campus Safety unable to locate vehicle

3/21/98 – Assault – MacGregor – 3 non-students from Waldwick, NJ (guests of another student) assaulted a student. The 3 students were charged with underage consumption of alcohol and given Letters of Trespass: James J. Vanwyckhouse, III of 87 White Pond Rd.; Matt Servilio of 2224 Lancaster Ct.; Michael C. Jones of 60 West Saddleriver Rd.

3/21/98 – Injured Student – Walz – punched window of first floor lounge

3/21/98 – Noise Complaint – 420 N. 22nd St. – Off-Campus, no citations issued

3/21/98 – Alcohol Violation –

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# College administration removes *The Weekly* from website

## *Deans claim that eliminating publication from site does not imply censorship*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

*The Muhlenberg Weekly* has been taken off the college's web site after appearing on the site since the beginning of the academic year.

However, the reason for the removal remains unclear.

Some administrators claim that *The Weekly* was taken off of the Internet because of articles that do not portray the college in a positive light. In other words, they do not approve of controversial issues that *The Muhlenberg Weekly* covers.

"Everything that goes onto the Web should have a consistent Muhlenberg voice," said Dean of Academic Life Carol Shiner-Wilson.

Shiner-Wilson oversees the Library Department, which was originally responsible for designing the Web page.

"Many of our articles portray issues exactly as they are and by taking us off the internet, the college is blatantly censoring its students' voices," said Associate Editor of *The Weekly* Brian Teta.

The Director of the Library Myrna McCallister was not available for comment.

Shiner-Wilson also said that, "The admissions piece has certain kinds of information that will be enticing to prospective students. Everything that should go out should be a public relations or admissions piece."

Shiner-Wilson also points out that scanning the articles of *The Weekly* onto the Internet is a painful process which requires extensive work.

"As things are scanned in, there have format problems and the quality of the product isn't very good. We are also experiencing problems with the sylabi project which requires scanning as well," said Shiner-Wilson.

Michael Bruckner, vice-president of public relations for Muhlenberg, said that the purpose of the Web is recruitment of new, perspective students.

However, Bruckner claims that none of this had to do with the removal of *The Weekly* from the Internet.

He said, "It [the removal] had nothing to do with content. It never went through the process for approval."

In order to get something onto the Internet, the organization must go through a formal process. Proposals must be submitted to Bruckner and the Director of Information Technology, Harry Miller, for approval.

Dean of Admissions and Muhlenberg graduate Chris Hooker-Harring question whether *The Weekly* should appear on the Internet as part of the official College Web site.

"We allow students tremendous latitude for things to happen in *The Weekly*. Is the official college web site the right place for *The Weekly* to be? I don't know," said Hooker-Harring.

Investigations of the removal of the publication continue.

# City council to vote on citizens' civil rights

## *Councilman motions to include sexual orientation in policy*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

Perhaps one day soon, all citizens of Allentown will be granted equal rights by the city.

An important piece of civil rights legislation, introduced by councilman Frank Concannon last week, will be considered by city council on April 1. If passed, this legislation will add two words: "sexual orientation," to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance, passed in the 1970s to eliminate race, color, gender, and creed bias in Allentown.

The legislation which has been an issue for city council for the past few years, would protect gays, lesbians, and bisexuals from housing and job discrimination. Unlike other minorities, homosexuals are not included under any federal or state anti-discrimination laws.

"Even if only one person's job is saved, it [the legislation] is all worth it," said Robert E. Smith, Jr. Vice Chair of Allentown's Human Relations Commission.

Harrisburg and Lancaster are two cities to have already included "sexual orientation" in their policy.

"We're simply asking that everybody have the same freedom and rights," said Shelia Newkirk-Squire in a recent issue of The Morning Call. Newkirk-Squire is an Allentown teacher and commission member.

For the ordinance to pass, four out of seven council members plus the mayor must support it.

Smith said he already has a positive response from three council members, including Concannon. Only one more commitment is needed.

Smith stressed that most council members are under pressure to vote the "right" way and that letters and phone calls to them, even from Muhlenberg students, would be beneficial.

"City council members are very influenced by voter input. Letters and calls will mean the difference between passage and failure," said Liz Bradbury, Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Allentown.

"This addendum is not giving preference to a particular group," Smith said. "Heterosexuals will benefit from this as well. People have to realize that this amendment will simply assure equal rights for every citizen of Allentown."

# Editors in "New York State of Mind"

## *Weekly staff attends journalism conference*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

*The Muhlenberg Weekly* Editorial Board traveled to the Marriott Marquis in Manhattan's Time Square last week. The group of six editors attended the Twentieth Annual Spring National College Media Convention sponsored by College Media Advisers and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Editors attended four days of thought-provoking seminars and workshops run by talented professionals in the journalism field. Among an array of others, workshops included "Newspaper Design," "Thinking Like an Editor," "Writing Great Reviews," and "Critiquing Student Newspapers: Tips for Delivering Criticism and Praise." *The Weekly* received rave reviews as it was critiqued by an Editor of *The Washington Post* on Thursday afternoon.

Along with fellow college and university journalists, the Board attended a journalistic reception and dinner at The View restaurant which revolves atop the Marriott Marquis.

Aside from learning about the latest in journalism, Editors spent time team-building and working on group interaction and communication.

Associate Editor Brian Teta said, "The Editorial Board was extremely impressed how Editor-in-Chief Larry Carney was really on top of things—his firm leadership and unrelenting drive was very impressive."

In the city that never sleeps, Editors spent the night hours touring Manhattan and the village, relaxing at Caroline's Comedy Club, and becoming closer friends with one another.

"Cause we're living here in Allentown," the Board returned home Saturday afternoon after a long and productive week in New York.

# Student Body meeting has disappointing turnout

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The Weekend Express shuttle bus will begin running Friday, April 3 at 6:00 PM in front of Seegers Union. From there it will stop in the Giant Shopping center, then head to the AMC theater shopping center, and then to the Kings Mall shopping center. It is $1 round trip and the bus will be making continuous stops at the shopping centers to pick students up when they are ready. It will run Friday and Saturday nights from 6 pm till 12 am. On Sunday it will run from 1-5 pm and will be going to the Lehigh Valley Mall. Any suggestions or questions about the shuttle can be presented to Stefan Miller.

There was much debate concerning the possibility of having a shuttle for Pub nights, however, at this moment the logistics of it are very difficult.

"[The administration said] Basically the amounts of insurance that it would cost to have a van every week take students to a bar where they are obviously going to get drunk and then drive them home is too high. They said the van will get totaled and be covered in various 'things'," said Stefan Miller. The administration does not think that it would be worth absorbing the cost for this for the few students that would use the service. The students discussed the possibility of working with SADD to arrange for volunteer student drivers to transport students to the bars and back, or having a number that students could call if they need a ride. Anyone interested in helping with plans for this service should contact Stefan Miller.

Finally, Student Council members thanked everyone for voting in last week's election. The numbers for the first election surpassed last years by approximately 160 votes and the second election by almost 140 votes. Remember to vote on Monday for your class representatives. Students will also be voting in a referendum to decide where more lights on campus should be placed.

It is unfortunate that more students did not take advantage of Monday's meeting which was well planned and well executed by Outgoing President David Silber and Incoming President Lisa Ansorge. The meeting's mission, "Brought to you by the students for the students" was only fulfilled for a small percentage of the Student Body.

# Safety reminds students to lock up

**SAFETY from page 2**

MacGregor – student with unregistered guests (from previous Assault case)
3/21/98 – Fire Alarm – Prosser – someone broke heat detector and set off alarm
3/21/98 – Theft – Walz – boxes that hold visitor registration forms
3/22/98 – Unauthorized Entry/ Theft – ML – women's undergarments
3/22/98 – Unauthorized Entry/ Theft – ML – women's undergarments
3/22/98 – Unauthorized Entry/ Theft – ML – women's undergarments
3/23/98 – Unauthorized Entry/ Theft – ML – one bra

If you have any information about any of the cases, especially the spray-paint vandalism, please call Campus Safety (you can call anonymously).
Six cases would not have occurred this week if the residents had locked their doors. Please lock your doors, even if for a few minutes. Also, do not leave your laundry unattended.

# Oops...*Weekly* Corrections

**Ainsley Lamberton** wrote the ELCA Bishop Article in February 25's publication.
**Perri Brooke Magit** assisted with the First Amendment Spread on February 25 by organizing pictures under "Differing Views"
**Emily Pannebaker** wrote the AED Induction article in last week's issue (March 19).

# Prize winning journalist addresses college

## *Anna Quindlen continues 'Educating for Character' theme*

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Those who have read works by Anna Quindlen know it is a privilege that she is coming to Muhlenberg. For those who have not ventured into her literary domain, you should come and see this literary genius. Eagerly awaited by the Muhlenberg community, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, novelist, and social commentator Anna Quindlen will be speaking at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, in the Egner Memorial Chapel.

Quindlen's lecture, entitled, "Education for Character: A Look at Women's Education," is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Muhlenberg College Center for Ethics and Leadership and The Sesquicentennial Committee.

In anticipation of her lecture, freshman Heather Lyn Paley expresses her sentiments regarding Qunidlen's upcoming visit, "This speaker is more mainstream than any speaker we have had recently. I am an avid fan of hers. After reading her latest novel, *Black and Blue*, I lent the novel to my friend who is currently enjoying it."

Quindlen is a graduate of Barnard College. She has written two best selling novels, *Object Lessons* and *One True Thing*. Recently optioned by 20th Century Fox to become a feature film, *One True Thing* is an intimate literary work that depicts the relationship of a loyal daughter to her sickly mother. Quindlen has also written

***Anna Quindlen will discuss women's education on March 31***

a collection of critical essays titled, *Living Out Loud* and two children's books, *The Tree That Came To Stay* and *Happily Ever After*. Her most recent book, *Black and Blue*, offers a startling look into the life of a battered wife.

Quindlen won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary and has received honorary doctorates from Dartmouth, Moravian, and Smith Colleges and Denison University. In 1991 Quindlen was named by *Glamour* magazine as one of its ten most Outstanding Women of the Year.

Earlier in her career, she was an assigned editor for the *New York Times* and in 1983 was named the paper's deputy metropolitan editor. Her column, "Public and Private," was nationally syndicated. Quindlen was one of three women ever to have a regular column for the *New York Times*.

Quindlen has since left the world of journalistic media to focus on being a full-time novelist. Her novel topics, which focus on women, make her a catalyst in the literary world as a crusader for women as their roles in society are redefined.

# TKE holds fundraiser for brother

## *Fraternity raises money forDettenrieder*

**by Stephanie Zanders**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), is holding their second annual grocery raffle to support the Eric Dettenrieder Memorial Fund.

Dettenrieder, a '96 graduate from Muhlenberg College, was a proud brother of the TKE fraternity.

Dettenrieder was a high achiever in school, as he was a biochemistry major and German minor.

Living in his hometown of Oneonta, NY, he traveled to Hunter Mountain frequently to teach disabled children how to ski. However, last spring break, while enjoying himself at Hunter Mountain, he died in an unfortunate skiing accident.

With the help of Muhlenberg College, TKE set up a fund for Dettenrieder. TKE brothers have been fundraising for the fund by holding an annual grocery raffle.

All brothers are selling raffle tickets for $2.00 each. The winner wins one hundred dollars in groceries.

Senior Matt Staples, and sophomore Joe Melograna, are in charge of the fund-raiser.

Melograna says, "This is a very important fund-raiser, and we [TKE] hope that everybody will contribute to the cause. We are hoping to raise at least one thousand dollars."

Any extra money will go to the fraternity. So far, the fund-raiser has been successful.

A table will be set up at Seegers Union to purchase tickets on Thursday March 26th from 11-1 pm and 4-6 pm.

# Around Campus

*Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

**Delta Zeta** would like to wish the best of luck to everyone participating in **Greek Week**.

**SAGE** will hold their annual **Take Back The Night March** today as part of the Women's History Month Events. Make a statement about the importance of women's safety on campus. A speak-out in the chapel will follow the march. To participate, gather in front of Egner Chapel at 8 P.M.

The **College Choir** will hold it's **Spring Concert** on Sunday, March 29 at 4 PM in Egner Chapel. For more information, call Ann at 439-3502.

Come enjoy an evening of poetry, music, dancing, refreshments, and light hors d'oeuvres at the new **Multi-Cultural Club's Celebration of Culture**. The event will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 6-9 P.M. at Moravian College's Haupert Union Building's Pavilion.

**Delta Zeta** would like to thank it's sisters who participated in **Eating Disorders Awareness Day.**

**Junior Jumpstart!** wil be sponsored by the Office of Career Development and Placement on Wednesday, April 1 at 4:00 pm in Trexler Library B-01. Juniors, this is no April Fool's Joke -- preparation is the key to success! Come to this information session to learn how to prepare for the graduate/professional school application process and about how to prepare for the employment search.

**The Do's and Don'ts of Interviewing: The Employer's Perspective**. OCDP is sponsoring three employer representatives to critique a mock interview with a current Muhlenberg senior and will offer their advice on how to prove you are the best candidate for the job or internship. This event will take place on Thursday, April 2 at 4:00 pm in Seegers Union Room 109-110.

**Interested in writing for the *Muhlenberg Weekly*?** Join a fun and exciting campus organization that definitely impacts the community. Stop by the office in the basement of ML or call x3187.

***Send submissions for* Around Campus *to Amy Kern at Box 1739***

# Ansorge elected

**ELECTION from page 1**

"610 people voted in the initial election but it hardly seems something to rave about. I would like to hope that more of the campus is interested in what goes on here, and that they are willing to come forward and speak their mind."

The new Student Council members will be voted on March 30, and, according to Ansorge, Miller has expressed interest in running for Vice President.

The final Student Council meeting under the direction of senior David Silber is tonight at 8:00, and, of course, open to all students.

"David Silber was a great leader," said Ansorge, "and made great strides in the prominence of Council on this campus. The main reason I wanted to become Student Body President is because I would hate to see any of that lost next year."

# Miller & Ansorge violate policy?

**VIOLATIONS from page 1**

cerned."

Ansorge also added, "I saw nothing wrong with sending e-mail to these people. I talk to them, but not on a regular basis."

Outgoing president David Silber was unavailable for comment.

Director of the Election Ayla Tezel disagrees. In an interview on The Muhlenberg Weekly Live on WMUH, Tezel commented "Though she did not directly solicit votes, her name was obviously associated with the election. Therefore, she should not have sent the e-mail. "

Ansorge admitted to questioning herself before pressing the send button on the e-mail. She said, "I knew that this would be an issue."

Miller's potential violation surrounds loitering in the Seegers Union lobby.

According to the Election Rules, "No candidate may campaign or loiter in the Seegers Union lobby or within 25 feet of the polls on Election Day."

Miller's schedule required him to be in the Union for a portion of the day. His work study is at the information desk.

"I've had these hours since the beginning of the semester. I only work six hours a week. I wasn't going to tell my boss that I couldn't fulfill the requirements of my job. It's a work study. It's my job," said Miller.

Tezel said, "From what he said, they were his normal hours. I would have to say it was not a violation. We wouldn't expect someone to change their schedule to accommodate the election."

Ansorge agrees. "Unless Student Council was to pay for him not to work, he should be able to," she said.

The results of the election will stand however. Student Council rules prohibit appeals after the polls close. Tezel said, "Ansorge is our president. We should focus on the upcoming year and not past allegations."

# An update on various campus projects

## *Seegers Union...New Academic Building...Center for the Arts...Athletic Fields*

## Meeting rooms or eating rooms for Seegers Union

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

When Seegers Union was designed, it was not intended to serve the number of students that it is now serving. Over the past few years meal schedules and meal plans have been revised to try and better suit the needs of students.

The addition that is being considered would entail many things to make significant enhancements to Seegers. The goal would be to significantly improve the food service on the first floor. Rooms 108, 109, 110, the Trexler Room and Lelah's Room would be lost in the process of turning the General Quarters into a large food court. Due to this, a small addition would be made to provide meeting space that would replace the loss of these rooms.

Curtis Dretsh, Dean of Faculty, believes that the fundraising is one of several reasons the expansion is possible. "Since the big gift of a 6.5 million dollar donation to the college last summer, there has been a lot of movement in fundraising. The proposed project would be much smaller then any of the projects that are being funded by the capital."

Students think that expanding the food services in Seegers is a much needed, positive change.

Freshman John Lucey claimed, "I hate how the lines are so long when all I want is a quick bite to eat." Another first-year student, Clara Ebersole, agrees, "Expansion would be good because there needs to be more seating."

There is no current time table for when this project would occur if it gets approved; however, it would probably not begin for another three to five years. If it were to be approved it would not necessarily have to wait for the other projects that are going on to be completed before it began. All money used for the renovations would be fundraised. No final costs have been determined for the funds that this project would need.

## Academic bulding is top priority

**by Stephanie Pittocco**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Muhlenberg College plans to build a new academic building that will accommodate students and faculty. The new building will also have a large area which will provide space for several hundred people for conferences, programs, and meetings. According to James Steffy, Vice President of Planning and Administration, "the name of the new academic building will be 'The Academic Center,' but it is subject to change."

The Academic Center will be located east of Ettinger building and next to Egner Memorial Chapel, filling the area in the middle of these two buildings and East Hall. The Center will complete the northeast corner of the campus quad while bringing together the campus's academic departments. Its main entrance will face Academic Row, and will be handicap accessible.

The new building will have three floors and a basement, and will house departments such as Psychology, Philosophy, Religion, Education, and the Center for Ethics. Also, an institution for Jewish and Christian Understanding will be built. There will be numerous classrooms varying in size, containing up-to-date technology. Labs are being built for psychology students, as well as more gathering space for the interaction of students and the faculty. Each department will have its own offices, including reading and reference areas adjacent to the departments.

According to Steffy, completion of the Academic Center will take fourteen to eighteen months. President Arthur Taylor is in charge of fundraising and planning for the new building, and his goal is to start constructing it as soon as possible.

## "To be or not to be" is no longer a question for CA

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Part of the college's capital campaign is an addition to the current Center of the Arts. This addition is going to take approximately one and a half years to complete, and will be ready for access by Fall 1999.

The new space will be fifty-one thousand feet. There will also be two new theaters.

Dean Curtis Dretsch said, "The goal is not to expand the theater population at Muhlenberg, but to provide for students here."

The CA was built in 1976 before a theater arts center existed. Currently, Theater Arts is the fastest growing major at the college. The theater department is currently infringing on the space of the Music department and the English department.

Not only will the new addition have two new theaters, there will also be additional practice space, taking pressure off the current surge of students and classes using Brown Dance Studio.

The CA addition is an 8.5 million dollar project. The majority of funds have already been raised.

The funding for this project was made possible from an anonymous donation of $6.5 million dollars, and additional capital which is being divided among the other three projects.

Theater Arts major Dayle Kurland said, "I am excited about the new building. We desperately need the space for performances."

The school has already looked into the potential parking crisis due to the construction. The city of Allentown assured the school that there will not be a parking problem.

The school is working closely with construction managers so that there will not be any interference for the residents of Benfer come next fall.

## "If you build it, they will come" for athletic fields

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

While the athletic fields project is already one-third completed, many students are still not familiar with the project and the many benefits that it entails.

The first phase of the project has been completed and has already been taken advantage of this past fall. This part of the project entailed a new soccer game field. The field was equipped with new bleachers and a new scoreboard. Also included in this part of the project was an adjacent practice field, used by the men and women's soccer teams, and the football team, as well as for intramural sports.

The next phase of the project which is scheduled to start mid-April includes a total renovation of the football stadium. This renovation will entail the installation of artificial turf, an eight lane all-weather track, lighting, new bleachers and a new scoreboard. The new stadium is expected to be used in the fall.

The impact of these changes will be beneficial to many athletic teams including the football, field hockey, and lacrosse teams. It can also be used by intramural teams and for recreation.

Phase three of the project is the renovation of Kern field into a softball stadium. Nothing has been done to determine when this will be started, but it is expected to start shortly following the completion of phase two.

Stephen Erber, Director of Athletics, finds many benefits to the project.

Erner said that, "The artificial turf and lights will allow for much more usage for all of our programs—athletic, recreational and intramural sports."

These projects are being funded by donations that have been raised as a part of the capital campaign that the college is engaged in.

The capital campaign is also fund raising money for other renovations to buildings on the Muhlenberg campus.

# St. Patrick's Day revelers engage in Celtic Games

## Students enjoy the taste of "Freedom" on Brown Beach

*photo by Carly Ringer*

**by Carly Ringer**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Eleven o'clock last Tuesday night the drums were pounding, stones and logs were flying and men were wearing plaid skirts.

What is wrong with this picture? Nothing. It was St. Patrick's Day and everyone wanted to have fun. About two hundred students gathered on Brown Beach for the Second Annual Celtic Games.

The festivities involved teams of two throwing stones and logs, lots of chanting, and a reunion of old friends.

Last St. Patrick's Day the men of second floor Walz started this new tradition.

The idea of celebrating the holiday began while they were eating in the Garden Room. "Let's wear kilts," was the first thought.

The men raced home to call their friends on the women's lacrosse team to borrow their plaid skirts. Then they watched *Braveheart*.

You are probably thinking, "Celtic Games and *Braveheart*?" Those are Scottish things.

That did not matter. Many Americans celebrating this Irish holiday do not trace their roots back to the Emerald Isle but know when to have fun.

Inspiration for the games came from the movie when Shamish and William Wallace started tossing stones.

From there the men were off to Brown Beach. Four or five teams of two were formed. Each man tossed a stone and a log.

The stone was an over the shoulder throw. For the log toss, they squatted down to their knees, lifted up and threw.

Winner went to the one who threw the furthest. Ryan Butkus and Joe McCoy became Muhlenberg's first ever Celtic Game champions.

Unfortunately, only twenty people witnessed this great feat.

This year's story is a little different. The Celtic Games became Celtic Fest.

The day started at Benfer by couches being pulled out to the lawn. Everyone sat around preparing for the games. Towards evening the men scurried to find plaid skirts.

Everyone who was not at Benfer already made their way down.

At eleven o'clock a parade of shirtless, face-painted, kilt-wearing men marched up to Brown Beach in lines of two.

Once everyone hit the playing field, chanting could be heard all along the West Side of campus.

The two drummers, George Aiken and Josh Sigal, along with the chanting, were an integral part of drawing the crowd of about two hundred fans to this competition.

After Mike Hamelton, the judge, settled down the clans and gave them a pep talk, the men lined up to show off their brawn.

This time there were about twenty participants, as well as the judge and a spotter, Keith McDonald.

One of this year's champions, Kevin Averell said, "It didn't matter if you threw it an inch or a hundred yards. Everyone hugs you and chants your name.

"Celtic Games are not about competition. It is about real friendship...second floor Walz."

Three of the original stone throwers, Ryan Butkus, Dave Ervin and Joe McCoy, came back this year in kilts as well as students who transferred from here.

Craig Lockner, Dan Tullino, and Jason VanWormer returned to Muhlenberg for the evening to help their tradition continue.

The excitement of participation is not limited to just this group of friends.

Butkus "hopes that the whole school does this next year but it is not a sponsored MAC event ... not to rip on MAC because they have great events."

Averell added, "If it ever were to be an organized activity or if the school gets the least bit involved we will not do it anymore .. being unorganized is the whole purpose ... the second the school gets involved is when it gets corrupt."

The school did have a small role in the games. Three Campus Safety officers stood off to the side enjoying themselves.

They came to watch the competition and assure that no one was injured.

Mike Hamelton approached them afterward to "thank (them) for letting the lads show off their skills."

This St. Patrick's Day was a huge success on our campus.

Even for someone not involved in the actual tossing of the logs or stones, the night was amazing. Everyone went home happy, even the losers.

sCongratulations to the winners of this year's Celtic Games ... Kevin Averell and Rick VanHorn.

You can ask for a viewing of the trophy ... "the wood." Look forward to the next unorganized, spontaneous event ... the men of last year's second floor Walz will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

If you want to purchase a T-shirt to commemorate this festive event, write to jahohman@muhlberg.edu.

## Movie Listings for the Weekend of March 27th

Lehigh Valley Mall General Cinemas

| Movies | Friday/Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|
| Grease | 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40 | 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40 |
| Meet The Deedles | 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30 | 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30 |
| The Newton Boys | 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 | 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 |
| Titanic | 11:00, 3:00, 7:00, 10:50 | 11:00, 3:30, 8:00 |
| The Wedding Singer | 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 9:45 | 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 9:45 |
| Twilight | 12:30 | 12:30 |
| Good Will Hunting | 1:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 | 1:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 |
| Primary Colors | 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10 | 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10 |
| U.S. Marshalls | 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 | 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 |


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## Lucky Students get Singled Out

*photos by Carly Ringer*

## Dynamics host a cappella festival

**Muhlenberg College**
**1998-99 Judicial Panel**
**Selection**

**Student members needed for Judicial Board and Committee Hearings**
**Applications will be available March 19th in the Dean of Students Office and at the Front Desk of Seegers Union**

**Applications due-- Friday, April 3**
**For more information contact Melissa Wardwell, Dean of Students Office(ext.3182) or e-mail wardwell@muhlenberg.edu**

**The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Under the Direction of Dr. Paul Frary Congratulates its Latest Appointments**

**Pat Varonne- President**
**Lesley Ullman- Vice President**
**Dan Wilson- Secretary**
**Laura Rubin- Treasurer**
**Danielle Gieniec- Public Relations**

The Big Informal Dance!
when: Friday 10-1am
where: Garden Room
why: to have fun!

tunes spun by: DJ Matt

Mac Meetings
Wed. 5:30pm
Trum. 149

**Jazz in the Lobby**
James Tulli
Friday 9-10pm
SU Lobby

Morning Glories
Local band-seen at Lupos
Saturday
10pm-midnight
Red Door Cafe

# Letters to the Editor

## New President Thanks Student Body

Dear Student Body-

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who voted in last Thursday's election. I was thrilled with the 579 people who voted in the run-off election. That number was not far off from the 610 people who voted in the initial election. This record turnout was due to the eminent qualifications and insightful ideas presented by all of the candidates. I hope that you will support both Chris McClary and Stefan Miller in the upcoming election on March 30th, as they run for representatives of the class of 1999. I would also like to thank the Council Operations committee for their on-going enthusiasm while conducting last week's election.

It is wonderful to see the rising interest in Student Council, and its position on our campus. I sincerely hope that those of you who were nominated last week will seize the opportunity to run for Student and/or Class Council. The best of luck to all of you. Please show your enthusiasm by voting, and your commitment by attending our meetings. We meet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Haas building, on the third floor. As I stated during last week's campaign, I want to hear from each and every one of you throughout the next year; please mail any ideas and/or complaints to me at box #1177.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those of you who supported me along the way to this position.

Sincerely,
Lisa C. Ansorge

## Will Smith Slighted in "Influences"

To the Editor:

I have a major qualm about last week's "Influences in Hip-Hop" article by Christopher Dino. WHERE IS WILL SMITH'S NAME ON THE LIST?? Will Smith, specifically as the Fresh Prince, certainly had a much greater effect on the rap industry than a number of people on Dino's "list."

Many of you reading this letter may laugh because the Fresh Prince wrote "bubble gum" music and didn't have profound thought-provoking lyrics, but he affected the industry in other ways.

D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince were the first rappers in history to win a Grammy. This unquestionably opened many doors for future rappers. This Grammy was for their song "Parents Just Don't Understand" Also, they had a platinum album in "Homebase," and won a music award for their song "Summertime."

The Fresh Prince's comical approach to music should not be taken lightly. With all the gun-toting gangsters in the rap world, the Fresh Prince added a much-needed softer and unthreatening dimension to rap. Research on Will Smith will show that his albums, movies, etc., attract a variety of races and cultures. Smith's light-heartedness is often seen as appealing to whites as well as blacks, and any amount of "extensive research," as Mr. Dino supposedly did, will show that.

Furthermore, Smith's enormous success as a rapper has enabled him to progress into the television and movie industries as well. His "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" sitcom opened the doors for other TV/rap personalities such as L.L. Cool J ("In the House") and even Moesha's TV show. Research will also show that their shows have not been nearly as successful as "Bel-Air."

With all the negativity in rap today, Smith has felt it necessary to make a comeback with his latest album, "Big Willie Style." He is distressed by the state of recent rap, specifically the east coast/west coast controversy.

Smith's rap should also be respected and recognized. It is a disgrace to which I take offense to when such a prolific name is ignored.

When DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince were regularly releasing records, it seemed like one of the requirements of a rap album was extensive boasting. Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince were not trying to prove they were the biggest men by shouting out the most hot air. Instead, they followed their own path, doing what they wanted to do, having fun. You want proof? You better go buy it.

Michael Ebert
Class of '00

## Addidas Pants Annoy Studying Student

Over the past week I have been doing something new to me. . . I have been going to the library with the intent to study. Don't worry mom and dad, going to the library is not the new "thing." In fact, I have spent many nights at the library. The difference lies in the fact that recently, I have actually been going there to *study*. So if I haven't been going to study, why would I go there? Well, there are numerous reasons. The library has really comfy couches and I have a lot more room to spread out there than in my shoebox in East that I am paying thousands to inhabit. Most importantly, there are lots of Muhlenberg students in the library who are looking for any reason to procrastinate. Yes, I go to the library to take advantage of the procrastinationally prone. Although I am tempted to apologize for distracting any number of you, I figure that you would rather speak to me than do those horrendous calculus problems. Hell, you'd rather speak to Kenneth Star.

I am not saying that you'd rather speak to me because I am so engaging, but because calculus simply is not. Anyway, I do realize that many of you have been subject to hearing my whisperings when I was not directly speaking to you, and for that I apologize. Since I have been utilizing the library for scholastic reasons, I realize how distracting the smallest thing can be. But, if I make the sincere effort to go to the library and sit quietly and do my homework, I need something from you, my fellow students. In my estimation, even worse than the ongoing whipsering from carrel to carrel is the annoying noise of Addidas warm-ups treking through the library. It seems to be en vogue to wear these to the library, which is understandable, for they are extremely comfortable. Unfortunately, they are as just as loud as they are comfortable.

Lets make a deal. When I want to babble about stuff, I will do so in my shoebox and when you want to run, or go fitness walking, feel free to do so in your Addidas warm ups. But until reading and studying are deemed athletic activities, promise that you'll leave the Addidas pants in the closet.

Ellen Gerber '00

## No Political Awareness

Another View
by George Saitta
Asst. Opinion Editor

*The Muhlenberg Weekly* has basically turned into *The Muhlenberg Senator* over the past two weeks. As you well know, we are in the midst of student body elections for council representatives and class council officers. The paper has been overflowing with political-laden terminology such as *propaganda*, *platforms*, *lobbying*, and most important *campaigning*. At first glance, these terms appear quite simple; yet, they are so easily misunderstood when placed within the ambiance of the political arena. Ironically, such terms are the equipment for one of our nation's oldest games; the game is known as "Capitalistic Hardball."

Have you ever heard of a referendum? What constitutes the process of lobbying? How does the Senate and the House of Representatives operate? I am amazed at the number of college students, who are politically misinformed citizens. Unless you are a political science major with a 4.0 G.P.A., I suggest you pay close attention.

No, this is not a lecture on Monica Lewinski and Bill Clintion. Honestly, if you find the so-called Clinton sex scandal enjoyable, then you do not really care about your country. What does Mr. Clinton's sex life have to do with democracy? If you have found some innovative way to link the two, please, let me know! Unless Mr. Clinton chooses Saddam Hussein as his next partner of choice, I hardly believe that he will be dabbling in the democratic process behind closed doors.

Well, enough venting of my frustrations. I challenge you to become more politically informed. Implant an array of political terminology in your long-term memory. Expand your knowledge of the democratic process. Muhlenberg College has an excellent political science department; have you ever considered taking advantage of it? It could really help you.

Remember, many of you will work in white-collar jobs someday. I hate to see you at lunch with a client, maybe joining your boss for a round of golf, and turn out to be the one person who is politically handicapped.

## Shuttle Van Starting

Council Update
by Barry Engel
Class of 2001

Record numbers of voters came out to elect the new Student Body President. Please do the same in the upcoming election, Monday March 30. It is important that you show the same support and enthusiasm in electing your officers and representatives.

In response to your athletic surveys and suggestions to improve the weight room and the loft, several fund-raisers are being implemented. Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 P.M. under the lights at the soccer field, there will be a student/faculty softball game to raise money for these improvements. Sponsors are being contacted for this fund-raiser and it should be successful and a blast. Come out and support this event.

Other fund-raisers to look for coming up are a 50/50 raffle and an athlete auction at East Fest (where a few of our own will be auctioned for a day). Support your athletic committee as they have worked hard in response to your requests.

Also look for a shuttle bus at Muhlenberg starting April 3! The shuttle costs only $1 round trip and will operate Friday and Saturday 6:00-12:00 P.M. and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. It will travel to the mall, AMC, and Giant areas. Take advantage of this!

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# Sleep Deprived People Cause Distress

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

This evening I was pondering the ideas of a great philosopher, Karl Marx. It seems as though old Karl seemed to believe that the world and it's people were inherently good-he used this theory as a basis for Communism. The idea that people were the flies of life and everyone had a spot on the local highway roadkill seems to be a bountiful notion, but maybe it's not so true. Have you ever spent the night cramming for an exam - wait, who am I kidding, this is Muhlenberg right?- obviously you have. Well the next day, upon catching a glimpse of the sun set/ sun rise phenomenon associated with such ludicrous activities, a person isn't exactly in the best of moods; to put it kindly. You're cranky, sleep deprived, puffy eyed, coughing, stuffy head, fever, so you need some rest. If never the opportunity to experience this great college ritual has presented itself, you must do this now in order understand the remainder of this column; of course one should adhere to the minimum four hours sleep deprivation requirement that's necessary to make heads or tails of anything I write. So Karl was thinking of human nature and how it's seemingly inherently good; I was thinking of human nature in the face of inherent barriers one encounters in their lives. Karls' conclusion that human kind is inherently good leads me to believe that he was a productive member of our sleeping society. The previous statement inferred that Karl must have gotten his required amount of sleep per night. If he hadn't, he would have slowly realized that politeness and understanding--two components of innate goodness, the other being compassion- were figments of human imagination.

When people attempt to function on too little hours of sleep, they tend to loose some of the inherent politeness, understanding and compassion which Karl believed was inherent. I, for one, can't stand being around people when lacking the proper amount of sleep; especially unfamiliar people. Aren't people who are really cranky usually pretty well sleep deprived, so maybe they aren't jerks after all!! This trend seems to follow a similar pattern of behavior among fellow students as can be observed by monitoring drinking habits regarding loss of inhibitions. I've noticed that when people are totally falling over drunk they tend to lose all compassion and remorse- not to mention all memory of that evening's events.

How is it possible, if we are inherently good-natured peoples, that when faced with these circumstances we become suddenly ill-natured. I remember vivid periods in my life when everyone was an idiot, not because they actually were (okay some actually were), but because I just hadn't gotten the necessary amount of sleep; it's that bipolar thing I have to deal with. I'm sure that everyone's had some type of similar experience, like when all accounts of the previous nights events were lost upon confronting that ugly, 'morning after' hangover. So are we inherently good-natured as Karl would have us believe, or do we just feign politeness and compassion while muddling through life?

# Titanic Toys Available

The World According to Me
by Josh Northridge
*Weekly* Columnist

This week Titanic won best picture. It deserved it. It was the best movie I have ever seen about, ya know, thousands dying. Have you heard about the promotional toys and gifts that are being sold (some more popular than others) to make the movie even more money? It is not like even conceiveable for the film to make any more money, but it looks as if it will. Keep in mind these items are not on store shelves yet, but soon they will be.

First, there is the Titanic dress. It only comes in one size, "oceanliner." It is a giant mumu and if you fit into this dress, you probably have not seen Titanic because you can't get out of your house.

When you hear "Leonardo DiCaprio" you don't think teen idol, you think that with all the money he has he could buy his own Dunkin' Donuts. Actually, come to think of it, he could buy several of these fine establishments.

In fact, you hosted a costume party last week and Leo dressed up as a ghost. After dinner you got up and some guy yelled "Iceberg, right ahead!"

"Pool O' Hypothermia." This fun game can be played by the whole family. This is a pool ten feet deep and twelve feet across. This fits nicely in almost any back yard. It is filled with freezing water and the last person in the pool to avoid hypothermia wins. Play with friends and ask your neighbors to play!

Then there is the Monica Lewinski and Titanic play set. You can play with them in the pool, but the problem with these toys is that Monica Lewinski goes down before the Titanic. Sinks I mean. Be sure to fend off sitting presidents!

Well thank you for reading. It's nice to be back after my brief absence from this column. If you think this was funny, please come visit me at my new website, located at address: www.world.according.girls+beer+college+fun~~joke

Otto
by Berkeley Breathed
COCK-A-DOODLE DOO! AND ALL THAT
OPUS
A BAD MORNING. I CAN SENSE IT. ...GONNA BE UGLY...
GEEZ... ANOTHER BAD HAIR DAY.
SPLASH!
AW, MAN! GOT MY LAST PAIR OF UNDIES WET!
WHIRRRRRR...
WHIRRRRR
GAD! I GOT "CLEARASIL" OVER 3/5 OF MY BODY AND I GET A PIMPLE INSIDE MY NOSE!
OW!
OO! OW..
OW!
OOCH...
WELL! AS I HAVE SEEMINGLY EXHAUSTED ALL POSSIBLE PERSONAL DISASTERS BY 7 a.m.... THIS DAY JUST CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!!
HI! NEW NEIGHBORS! IS THIS A BAD TIME?

# Lacrosse team starts season slow, losing to Hartwick and Johns Hopkins

**by Eric Hildenbrand**
**Staff Writer**

*Sophomore Katie Kenny is tied for the team lead with three goals.*

The women's lacrosse team lost its second game of the season Saturday to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays, 21-10. The Blue Jays, who went undefeated in the Centennial Conference last year, and are 40-1 since the conference was founded in 1992, will move up to Division I competition next year.

The team was led by juniors Allyson Crooks and Katie Kenny who both scored 2 goals in the losing effort.

Crooks and Kenny are the team leaders in goals this year with three a piece. Senior Ashley Mawson scored her first goal of the season in the game off an assist from sophomore Shannon Lowthar.

In the second start of her career, junior Susan Heyel saved 8 shots on goal. The team played without preseason All-American defender Amanda Sciarra who would have helped to slow down the Blue Jay attack.

While the score shows a big loss, 22-5, the team is not unhappy with its play during the game.

"Johns Hopkins was a much more experienced team. We played with a lot of heart and intensity and we never gave up," Head Coach Laurie Kerr stated. "Although we lost we played as well as we were capable of playing."

Players on the team expressed the same sentiment of their coach. Sophomore midfielder Virgina Walsh said, "Although the score does not reflect it, we played with a lot of heart. We have high hopes for the rest of the season."

Coach Kerr was happy with her team's hustle and their effectiveness in transition. One weak point was the team's play on draws. Kerr hopes to see the team gain more possessions from the draws in future games.

The Lacrosse team plays at home today at 3:30 against Gettysburg and on Staurday against Washington College at 1:00.

# Men's tennis opens season 1-1 with win over Marywood

**by Jonathan Tabak**
**Staff Writer**

Despite the fact that they have competed in only two matches during this young spring, the men's tennis team has had an up and down season.

This is mainly attributable to the manner in which they won their initial match of the season in resounding fashion over Marywood on March 17.

The victory over Marywood was anything but ordinary; the Mules managed a shutout victory, winning by a 7-love score overall.

This marked the first time that the men's tennis team opened the spring season with a shutout since 1969, adding some historical significance to the victory.

Particularly notable amidst generally stellar play displayed by the men's team in the preliminary match were the performances of freshmen sensations Robby Richman and Adam Evans.

Despite the fact that Evans and Richman are underclassmen they have seamlessly stepped into the prominent role of playing second and first singles, respectively.

Still riding high from the aforementioned victory, the Mules went into this past Saturday's match against Gettysburg with aspirations for a similar result. Perhaps the weather forcing the match into the abysmally lit field house was a foretelling factor; the Mules would not be so lucky on this day.

Though it was not due to a lack of effort, the Mules were clearly overmatched from the onset of the match, quickly dropping all three of the doubles matches which opened the day's play.

The lone bright spots for Muhlenberg were the convincing singles victories earned by junior John Briner and freshman Adam Evans, who remains undefeated in singles.

Despite the fact that they were handed a rather humbling defeat this past Saturday, the Mules hope to learn from it and build upon it in upcoming matches.

With matches against Centennial Conference rival Franklin & Marshall on March 24 and at Drew on March 26, the Mules (1-1 overall, 0-1 in Centennial Conference) have plenty of opportunity to prove themselves further this week.

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The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Andy Kent has been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Caller of the Week. He has been an ideal student-caller, exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. His great ability as a fund raiser has been instrumental in this year's highly successful Phonathon.
As the recipient of the award, he has been given gift certificates donated by Ringer's Roost and Big Dipper Ice Cream, who have been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.

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# Profile of a Mule: Liz Billie

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* columnist

Whether it be baseball or softball, the most important person on the field is the catcher. The catcher controls the game and is involved on every pitch. They bark orders and originate the plays. They are the most vital part of the overall defense.

Muhlenberg has been blessed to have one of the best, if not THE best, catcher in Division III softball in Liz Billie. As a junior, Liz is set to improve on her first two seasons which were sensational to say the least. Her greatness has been recognized by all, earning her the respect of being named a captain this year.

Liz is a native of the Lehigh Valley. She hails from Whitehall, just a hop, skip, and a jump away from campus. She began playing softball at age 9; originally as a first baseman.

"I did not start catching until I was 12 years old, in seventh grade-and I have been playing ever since," Liz said.

She attended Whitehall High School and played for a team that was decent, but never overpowering.

"We made districts all four years, but we were not considered the team to beat in our conference. The team always seemed to be young. Experience was something we lacked." Liz was spectacular though, being named to the All-Conference team for three years.

Liz decided to attend Muhlenberg after graduation. Besides being close to home, it had a high reputation for academics.

"I knew the school was respected for its science department and it just seemed like a good fit," Liz said.

Being a small school, it gave her a chance to play right away; something that was very important to her.

"That is what I like about Division III athletics: that you are able to play and study without it being a problem. In big Division I schools, sports are your life, and there is no time for academics." Liz had no problem adjusting for many of these reasons.

Liz has had a great career here. She has posted a career batting average of .344. This year she has been crushing the ball, batting .536. This is good enough for second in the conference. She is batting nearly two hundred points above her career average!

Her talents have not gone unnoticed. Liz was just named the Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Last year she was named to the All-Centennial Conference first team as well as making the third team All-Region.

She was named to both the second team All-Centennial Conference and third team All-Region her freshman season.

Her greatest asset to the team is a skill for which no statistics are kept--defensive prowess. Sports Information Director Mike Falk commented, "Her throws on base stealers and the job she does blocking the plate is superb and often goes unnoticed."

What she brings to the table is too important to calculate. Her leadership to the younger players is unmeasurable.

Liz has seen the program go through some changes. She played for two different coaches her first two years, and the difference was like night and day.

"Coach Gibbs has been the catalyst to our improvement in softball. She has brought a new feeling of confidence and respect to the team. Teams no longer see Muhlenberg and think of it as a easy win. They have to work for it now."

The knowledge Coach Gibbs has brought in has made the program skyrocket, but it does not hurt to have players like Liz on the team.

The season has begun so come out and take a look at the team. Players like Liz do not come along often.

# National Sports Update for the week of March 26

Information courtesy of
*USA Today*

MELBOURNE, Fla. - Florida third baseman Bobby Bonilla will begin the season on the disabled list as he continues to undergo rehabilitation on his left wrist. The Marlins made the move retroactive to March 22nd. Bonilla, who underwent offseason surgery to stabilize the wrist and repair ligament tears, will miss the first Opening Day in his 13-year career. The switch-hitter, whose $23 million contract made him tough to trade this winter, batted .297 with 96 RBI for the Marlins last season.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Alabama has reached a deal to hire Murray State's Mark Gottfried, a former Crimson Tide star, as its head basketball coach, *The Birmingham News* reported Tuesday. The report - quoting unidentified sources - said the school is expected to announce the replacement for David Hobbs on Wednesday. Meantime, Murray State athletic director E.W. Dennison told *The Mobile Register*, that he doesn't believe he can keep Gottfried because of Alabama's lucrative offer.

NEW YORK - If all goes as planned, WBA heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield will defend his title against Henry Akinwande on June 6 at Madison Square Garden. "It's pretty much done, there are just a few little details to work out," said Showtime's Marina Capuro. The undercard is expected to feature Johnny Tapia, the IBF and WBO junior bantamweight title holder against the winner of an April 3 WBO bantamweight bout between champion Jorge Eliecer Julio and challenger Daniel Cobre Jimenez. Other names mentioned for the undercard include WBA middleweight champion William Joppy and Christy Martin.

NEW YORK - Each member of the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos earned a full playoff share of $103,000, while the runner-up Green Bay Packers made $75,000 per man. The NFL paid a record $25.1 million in postseason and Pro Bowl money.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - It wasn't supposed to be this hard for undefeated Tennessee, was it? The Lady Vols trailed in the second half for the first time in more than three months, but stormed back from 12 points and beat North Carolina 76-70 Monday night in the Mideast Regional final. Tennessee joins North Carolina State, Louisiana Tech and Arkansas in the Final Four. N.C. State got to its first Final Four by upsetting Connecticut, 60-52. Louisiana Tech earned its ninth Final Four trip rallying for a 72-65 win over Purdue in the Midwest Region Final. Arkansas tipped Duke, 77-72.

ORLANDO, Fla. - Round up the Dawg Pound. The Cleveland Browns are back. The NFL approved an expansion team for Cleveland on Monday, returning the Browns to the field in 1999 and restoring one of football's storied franchises. Cleveland's re-entrance to the NFL will mean 31 teams and at least one team off every week of the season.

WASHINGTON - Sean Gilbert, who sat out last season in a money dispute with the Washington Redskins, was denied in his bid to become a free agent Monday night. Special master Jack Friedenthal ruled Gilbert must remain the designated franchise player for the Redskins, who now will try to trade the defensive tackle for at least a first-round pick in next month's draft. The ruling could also jeopardize a huge payday for Gilbert, who had attracted offers up to $6 million per year during a recent tour to several teams, including the Broncos, the Panthers and the Dolphins.

BOSTON - The 12 teams of the 1998 NCAA Men's Division I Ice Hockey Championship were announced Sunday. Michigan State and North Dakota earned the top two seeds and first-round byes in the West Region while Boston University and Boston College did the same in the East. Princeton and Ohio State will be making their first-ever trip to the tourney while Yale is making its first appearance since 1952. Regional action takes place on March 27-29 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Albany, N.Y.

## ON TAP WITH THE MULES

**BASEBALL:**
Fri. 3/27 home vs. FDU-Madison @ 3:00
Sat. 3/28 home vs. Washington @ 12:00
Tue. 3/31 at Ursinus
Wed. 4/1 home vs. Lebanon Valley @ 3:30

**SOFTBALL:**
Thur. 3/26 at Moravian
Sat. 3/28 at Washington
Tue. 3/31 home vs. William Paterson @ 3:00

**GOLF:**
Mon. 3/30 @ Swarthmore

**LACROSSE:**
Thur. 3/26 home vs. Gettysburg @ 3:30
Sat. 3/28 home vs. Washington @ 1:00
Tue. 3/31 at Dickinson

**MEN'S TENNIS:**
Thur. 3/26 at Drew

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:**
Sat. 3/28 home vs. Western Maryland @ 1:00
Tue. 3/31 at Haverford

**TRACK & FIELD:**
Sat. 3/28 at Indoor Championships

**Muhlenberg fared well at the Franklin & Marshall Invitational. Junior Jeff Thiel (above) came in first in the shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 3.5 inches, and came in second in the discus with a throw of 130 feet, 5 inches. Freshman Ray King came in third in the long jump and fifth in the 100 meters. On the women's side, junior Katy DuFosse took second in the high jump, sophomore Cindy Bredefeld was third in the 3000 meters, and sophomore Kristine Brink placed third in the 100 meter hurdles and fifth in the 200 meters.**

# Softball team shuts out William Paterson 2-0

## *Heather Dreby pitches a four-hitter to propel the Lady Mules to the championship bracket*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Lady Mules softball team performed well in the recent Salisbury State Invitational tournament, making it to the championship bracket before losing to the host Sea Gulls.

In the first game of the tournament, sophomore Heather Dreby recorded her third win of the season as Muhlenberg beat Mary Washington College by a final score of 6-5.

Junior Carey Hilton drove in three runs, including two with a first-inning double. Junior Shelly Markowitz drove in the game-winning run with a single in the third inning.

The next game the Lady Mules took on nationally-ranked Chowan, and couldn't pull out a win, losing 6-2. Sophomore Melissa Nardi took her first loss of the season. Junior Elizabeth Billie and Hilton each had two hits apiece in the loss.

Muhlenberg got back on the winning track in their next outing, shutting out William Paterson College 2-0.

Dreby earned her fourth win and second shutout of the season, giving up only four hits.

Billie drove in the first run for the Lady Mules, and freshman Meghan Diani drove in the second with her first career hit.

The win over Paterson gave Muhlenberg a berth in the championship bracket, where they faced off against the host school, Salisbury State, who were ranked sixth nationally in Division III.

The Sea Gulls overpowered the Lady Mules, shutting them out 12-0.

The lone bright spot for the Lady Mules was Billie, extending her hitting streak to seven games with a single in the second inning.

Billie ended the tournament hitting .583 over the four games, and raised her season average to .536.

Billie's performance this week earned her the honor of Centennial Conference Player of the Week.

She is currently second in the conference in batting average.

The Lady Mules play a double-header tonight at Moravian.

# Women's tennis team demolishes Kutztown 7-2

## *The young Lady Mules start the '98 season 1-1 after losing to Gettysburg*

**by Scott Burke**
**Staff Writer**

Alex Karras, the All-Pro defensive lineman who was also known for knocking-out a horse in "Blazing Saddles" was once asked if he played tennis. He responded that it was "just not his kind of game." Karras continued, "If you are allowed to jump over the net and beat the stuffing out of your opponent at the end of each set, I would play every day."

The women's varsity tennis team plays in a style that Karras would have enjoyed. There was no jumping over the net and the racquets were only used to hit the ball, but Kutztown University was administered an old fashioned "whuppin'."

The Mules dominated the match. Led by senior captain Julia Hensley—a four-year letterwinner who quickly dispatched her opponent 6-2, 6-1-the Mules controlled seemingly every volley as they racked up win after win. The only Mule defeat in singles play came in the second match as freshman standout Stephanie Powers, after taking the first match 6-4, dropped the second 4-6, and went to a third set (6-6) tiebreaker, which Kutztown took 7-3.

Yet that was as close as Muhlenberg let it be. Sophomore Kris Cahayla followed with a victory (6-0, 6-1), as did sophomore Julia Beyer (6-1, 6-3), and sophomore Marny Baxt (6-1, 6-4), leaving their opponents humbled and exhausted on the surface of the court. Freshman Marissa Lutzer concluded the singles play when Kutztown forfeited their match against her.

In doubles action, Kutztown took the first match 8-4 against Hensley and Powers, but lost 8-6 in the second match to Cahayla and Beyer. Baxt and Lutzer won the third when Kutztown was again forced to forfeit.

The following week, the Mules, invigorated by their pummeling of the Kutztown squad, took the trip to Gettysburg College, to meet the Bullets in match play.

The fighting was a little less physical this time but the outcome the same as the home team won. Hensley lost the first match 6-1, 6-4, but Powers comfortably won the second, 7-5, 6-1. From that point on it was a war. Cahayla, after claiming the first set 7-5, lost the second 6-3. Then, after an exhausting third set ended tied at 6-6, Gettysburg edged ahead in the tiebreaker 6-3 to win.

Beyer, though defeated in the first set 6-1, refused to quit in the second, forcing another tiebreaker, which Gettysburg edged for the 7-6 (7-5) win.

Freshman Kerri Waldowski smashed Gettysburg 6-0 in the first set, but a close 5-7 drop of the second let her opponent return in the third to take the match 6-0. Singles play ended with Lutzer dropping 6-2, 6-3 to Gettysburg.

Doubles play, which had been a strong part of the Muhlenberg game last season, suffered a little on the Gettysburg indoor courts. Hensley and Powers had some trouble, losing 8-1. Cahayla and Beyer also dropped their match 8-6, with Waldowski and Lutzer being dealt an 8-1 defeat to end the match with an 8-1 overall win by the Bullets.

However, Head Coach Linda Andrews has confidence in her team. "We're still a young team," she admits, "but we have more depth this year," alluding to other team members vying for spots in the staring line-up including sophomores Allison Fish and Sharon Saferstein and freshman Clare Eelman.

This Saturday, Muhlenberg will host Centennial Conference rival Western Maryland at 1:00 p.m.

***The Weekly* is currently searching for a freshman or sophomore to assume the position of Assistant Sports Editor, and to eventually become the next Sports Editor. Anyone interested should call *The Weekly* at x3187 or stop by the office in the basement of ML during office hours.**

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## Kathy Freed named Director of Housing

### *Local vocal neighbor will soon put her housing ideas into reality*

**by Markus Koupinski**
***Weekly* Editor**

What a difference a semester makes. After prolonged debate and a long search for the new director of Housing and Residence Life, local Allentown neighbor and Alumnus of the college Kathy Freed has been named successor to current director Linda Zerbe. According to our recent survey, college officials are split on the issue of Fried's hiring.

One high ranking Admissions Official, also an Alumnus of the college has been said to be tendering his resignation effective immediately when Freed's employment begins.

He would only go on record saying "That woman is no friend of Muhlenberg. She's only the leader of a small, well-organized and vocal minority of local neighbors." This Admissions Official has been said to be seeking a career in coaching little league basketball upon his resignation from Muhlenberg.

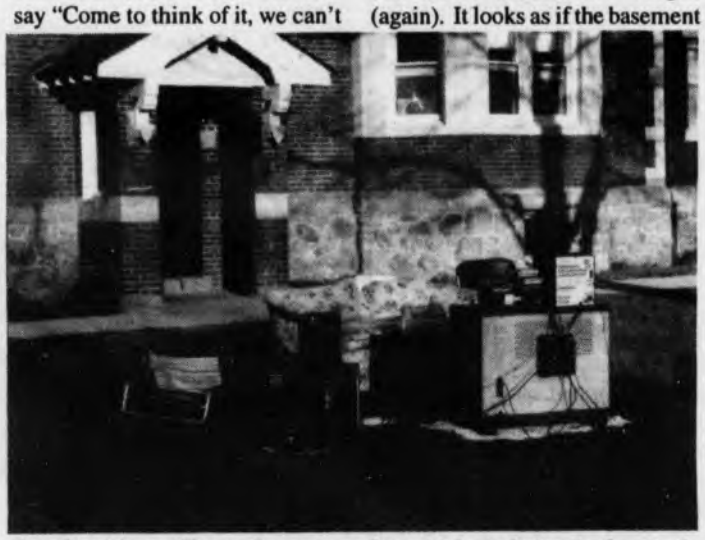
Officials from the Alumni Relations are thrilled with the hiring of Freed. Our source says that "We are building a bridge with alumni," and "Kathy will do a great in a job that was made for her."

An inquiry with the President's Office has provided some insight. President Taylor, according to our sources in his office, is more than a little bit annoyed that his neighbor and chief chop buster was appointed to the job. When asked why exactly she was appointed our source, he simply said "Ask the Mayor."

The main concern of this strange twist of fate is the students. What does Freed's agenda have in store for us?

*The Weekly* has come up with a few ideas that are more than likely a part of Freed's vision for the Housing Office. First up is the elimination of the Mile and Special Interest houses. These people will all be shoved into the basement of Walz. The remainder of them will live in barracks in the Seegers Union Lobby. My guess if that she will be quoted as saying "God knows we can't have these derelicts in the community."

Second on her agenda will be the proposition of an ordinance that denies Muhlenberg the right to educate students. Freed will then say "Come to think of it, we can't have a greater impact on society than students." This ordinance will most definitely take a few years to pass, unless of course the Mayor can throw around his weight (again). It looks as if the basement



*Freed's vision will soon become reality: students living in the quad*

even have these rebellious hooligans on campus. They are too much of a distraction to the community. We should devote our resources to educating squirrels. They are much more civilized and of Walz and the lobby of Seegers will be full for a few more semesters.

Finally, Freed will petition her neighbors in West Allentown to

see HOUSING on page 4

## "Highly Selective" standards dismiss unworthy students

### *Office of Admissions is expecting small numbers for class for 2002*

**By Mike Baldwin**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

A week of stunning turns and shocking 'Berg news continued last week when Muhlenberg President Arthur Taylor unveiled a series of new admissions policies for the college.

In response to the college's new "Highly Selective" ranking in the prestigious Barron's College Selection guide, Taylor announced raised standards for the incoming class of 2002.

As a result, despite receiving a record 3,000 applications for admission this year, Muhlenberg will be admitting only one student for next year's freshman class.

The lucky student is Michael Tamogatchi of Boston, Mass. Tamogatchi sports impressive 1600 SAT's and a 4.7 GPA (weighted). Tamogatchi said that he is, "very eager to begin his studies" and hopes to become a founding member of the new substance-free Phi Kappa Tau when they regain their charter next year.

When asked to comment on this unusual new policy President Taylor said that, "Muhlenberg can't accept just anyone anymore. If we truly want to run with the elite, we have to weed out those who are not fit."

This ominous statement took on new overtones when Taylor announced a few days later that after reviewing the high school records of many current students, he found that they too did not meet the standards of the "new" Muhlenberg.

Later that day, Campus Safety began to remove those students deemed "unfit" from the college grounds. Among the more ugly scenes was the removal of second semester senior and Weekly Associate Editor Brian Teta who could be heard wailing, "But I was so close!!! So close.....!"

Under these new standards 'Berg attendance will be cut nearly in half, and tuition rates should double.

Taylor was quoted as saying that the fewer students would bring "smaller class sizes, and more personal attention from faculty."

While campus wide reaction has been mixed, some of Taylor's staunchest support has come from new Dean of Housing Kathy Freed. "Of course I agree with Taylor's plan, and feel it will best service the community. Uhmm.... The Muhlenberg Community, that is."

Well, one thing is certain, with all these new changes in store it can only be a matter of time before ivy adorns the sides of the Haas building.

Look out Harvard here comes the Cardinal and Gray!

## Muhlenberg receives large donation to 'start over'

**by Russell Stover**
***Weekly* Editor**

Dr. David M. Long, Jr., President of the Board for Trustees and a 1951 graduate of Muhlenberg, has recently donated his entire life savings to the College. Long wants his $6,000,000,000 to be directed towards not just the renovation but to the redesigning and rebuilding of the entire campus.

"Forget all these renovations," Long said. "Let's just start from scratch."

The entire ground is scheduled to break on September 1, 1998 at which time every campus building will be torn to the ground, except for East Hall. "It is our most upstanding building that deserves to remain as a symbol of Muhlenberg's history," said Long.

When the bulldozers arrive on campus early next fall, classes will be relocated according to the respective academic departments they are under. For example, Pre-Med majors will attend classes at the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Education majors will go to area schools, and Communications majors will just stay at the AEPi, SPE, ATO, and TKE houses. Underwater Basket Weaving, under supervision of Connie Kunda, will be held in the Cedar Beach Pond.

The blueprints for rebuilding are underway but have not yet been approved by elected members of Student Council.

"The administration does not care what our apathetic students think anyway," said President-Elect Lisa Ansorge.

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# Nationline

compiled by Ginny El Notek

**Washington, D.C.**—Monica Lewinsky, intern to President Bill Clinton, has admitted to having sex with every man in power since her start in politics. It all began with her local mayor, then through the state Congress, the governor, Senate, House of Congress, and finally through the cabinet to Clinton. When asked about Attorney General Janet Reno, Lewinsky responded, "I did what was I thought was necessary; but Janet would have been pushing the political correctness of climbing the ladder of success."

**Allentown, PA**—The recent warm spell in the northeastern part of the country has caused college students to have extreme spring fever, experts say. According to psychologists, seniors have been registering for courses and handing in housing checks, believing the weather is much better than the real world could possibly be. On the other end, freshmen have been asking for transfer slips; they want to change to a university where the slush and clouds of their past months at Muhlenberg are the norm. One freshman was quoted as saying, "I can't believe I'm paying $23,000 a year to see the sun shine from my classroom windows, not to mention risk a head injury from the constant frisbie golf games!"

**Malibu, Calif.**—The tides of El Nino have caused California to be completely washed away and to drift across the Pacific Ocean. The state is now really a moving island, floating from Utah to Japan. It may enter unfriendly waters. Relatives have been told not to panic about family members who live in Utah, as the fault line will not cause any more earthquakes. Flights out are being arranged by USAir, until the state is halfway to Tokyo, when Japan Air will pick up flights and prices. One flight attendant noted, "It would be a great birthday present for anyone out there, as they have no more means of communication with the continental U.S. all 47 states."

**California**—Chelsea Clinton, daughter of President Bill and wife Hillary Clinton, is pregnant. After Stanford beat Purdue University in the NCAA Elite Eight, the entire campus celebrated, and Chelsea was taken back to the room of one of her friends. This friend was apparently her notetaker for a Political Science course. When confronted about her recent problems, Chelsea said, "I was only trying to follow in the footsteps of my father." President Clinton held a press conference Monday, saying, "I am so proud of my little darling." On the other hand, mom Hillary said, "She could have at least chosen a man already in high society." Nothing has yet been confirmed, but sources say that it is He denies all, saying, "I thought I had slipped her a roofie. . .this shouldn't have happened."

**Somewhere in outer space**--the asteroid which was first said to hit Earth then believed to miss us is now en route to the complete and total destruction of our planet. Experts say that the asteroid will make contact with Earth over the United States at about 3:30 pm Saturday, April 4. Officials are advising all residents to do everything they have ever wanted to do; there will never be another chance. They are also ordering that no time be wasted making time capsules; no one will be around later to open them up. If you are religious, pray; if you are single, get married; if you are married, divorce. All will end in a matter of hours.

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# Campus Safety Notes

## *All Walz residents arrested with illegal narcotics*

**compiled by Emmy PageMaker**

3/24/98 - Statue Violence - Haas lawn - Victor's Lament collapsed, killing 3 students
3/24/98 - Theft - ML - men's undergarments stolen from laundry room
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3/25/98 - Indecent exposure - Second Floor Keck House - all residents arrested for mooning Allentown residents -
3/25/98 - Freak Frisbee Accident - Parent's Plaza - frisbee golfer hits student
3/25/98 - Animal Violence - Brown Beach - student malled by psycho squirrels
3/26/98 - Harrassment by Communication - Haas Center - Dean on President.
3/26/98 - Underage drug and alcohol use/possession of drug paraphernalia - Walz first floor - all residents arrested
3/27/98 - Noise Complaint - Garden Room - loud old school rap disrupted Wood Company staff; boom box confiscated from DJ
3/27/98 - Underage drug and alcohol use/possession of drug paraphernalia - Walz second floor - all residents arrested
3/27/98 - Pornography - students' personal computers - picture of white male, 5'10" seen wearing only a Nike hat sent over the internet
3/28/98 - Underage drug and alcohol use/possession of drug paraphernalia - Walz third floor - all residents arrested
3/28/98 - Public Drunkenness - behind Seeger's Union - boy caught climbing out of dumpster
3/29/98 - Theft of confiscated property - Walz - all R.A.s caught using their residents' confiscated drug paraphernalia
3/30/98 - Public Drunkenness - Brown Beach - Campus Safety staff attempted to recreate their own Celtic games
3/30/98 - Harrassment by Communication - third floor Haas - Entire Communications Department charged with malpractice
3/30/98 - 1700 students removed from campus by Campus Safety for not living up to "Highly Selective" standards.

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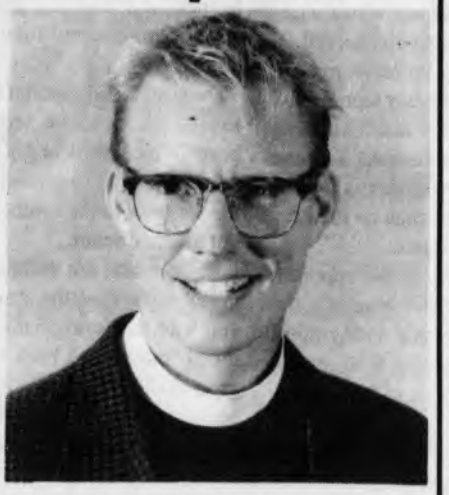
# College officials officially admit official blunders

## *Wrong 'Don King' installed as Chaplain*



**by Brandon Walsh**
***Weekly* Dictator-in-Chief**

In a stunning revelation uncovered by The Muhlenberg Weekly, a clerical error has resulted in boxing promoter Don King being installed as Chaplain at Muhlenberg College.

Rev. Don King was supposed to be installed as the Chaplain, but a mistake in the President's office booked the wrong Don King.

The College has also decided not to reverse the decision. Instead, the boxing promoter will take the position in lieu of his lawsuit with Mike Tyson.

King does have some new ideas for the chapel. Instead of Sunday afternoon service, King will offer Saturday night fights.

"One of the main problems with churches today is that they are not exciting. We're going to provide a knock 'em, sock 'em lineup that you can only see on Showtime," King said.

The main attraction for the first fight-card will feature Dean of Students Dean Ehrenberg squaring off against Athletic Business Manager Sam Beidleman.

Beidleman is already talking of victory. "I'm willing to bet my entire budget on this. I'm a lock to kick Rudy from the altar to the back of the chapel."

Ehrenberg is also confident in himself. "I could kill Sam with my bare hands. It's not a fair fight."

King also plans on promotions to attract students. Students will have the opportunity to slug it out with their most hated professor in between fights.

The Rev. Don King has decided to become a boxing manager as a result of this unfortunate turn in his career. His first client is President Taylor, who is expected to make his boxing debut the evening before Easter.

Rev. King said, "We're going to be ready for Easter week. I'm religious and I have God on my side."

## *College in 149th year: Sesquicentennial events rescheduled for 1998-99*

**by Myckle Eebhurt**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

It seems as though Muhlenberg College has been anxious to reach the new millennium, as the school has mysteriously been a year ahead of itself.

It was recently brought to the administration's attention that Muhlenberg's monumental sesquicentennial anniversary is, in fact, not until next year; the college community has been celebrating a rather inconsequential 149th anniversary!

The stunning discovery was made by sophomore Michael Ebert.

"I'm brilliant," said Ebert, "that's how I figured it out. I am only a Communications major, yet I was still able to do the simple arithmetic and realize the college's error. Muhlenberg should pay me $28,000 a year instead of me paying them."

News of the blunder has left the Muhlenberg community in disbelief. The administrative finger-pointing has already begun, however. According to Dean of Admissions Christopher Hooker-Haring, the mistake is a trivial one.

"I don't understand why everyone is making such a big deal," said Hooker-Haring. "We'll just have to re-celebrate next year, and party harder doing it!"

However, that is easier said than done. Large sums of money have already been wasted - or... well... spent - on this year's celebration. Sesquicentennial styrofoam drinking cups, napkins, and street-light banners are a few examples of such expenditures. Furthermore, according to Mrs. Taylor, Muhlenberg College President Arthur Taylor even has sesquicentennial boxer shorts.

"They're very sexy," claims Mrs. Taylor. "They really accentuate his pride for the school."

Muhlenberg's administration is currently debating upon what action should next be taken regarding this anniversary faux pas. At the moment, it appears that the celebration will be repeated in its entirety during the 1998-99 academic year, starting with more fireworks in early September.

In addition, a campus-wide distribution of sesquicentennial latex condoms is to be expected.

"This idea is still up in the air, however," said Hooker-Haring. "We are aware of the possible controversy this may start," said Director of the Health Center Sam Miranda.

Joked Miranda, "If we decide against the distribution, I'm sure I could put them to good use."

Yet, President Taylor and Dean Hooker-Haring's downplay of this error can be questioned. Many Muhlenberg students are viewing the matter as an embarrassment to their reputation as students of the college.

One such student, *Weekly* Editor-In-Chief Lawrence Carney said, "There is no question that the administration's inability to add and subtract reflects negatively on Muhlenberg's students as well. Also, instead of unnecessary sesquicentennial garbage (like cups, napkins, and condoms), the college should use its money purposefully."

Carney suggested the college use the money to fund the various construction and renovation projects that the college plans to undertake in the near future. With sufficient funds already lacking and with constant fund-raising taking place, this notion should not be disregarded.

"Every cent helps," said Carney. "Although I am ecstatic about being a part of Muhlenberg's sesquicentennial anniversary, the college needs to gets its priorities straight."

# Norm MacDonald chosen as Commencement Speaker

## *Comedian MacDonald invited back to receive honorary degree and offend community*

**by the President of MacDonald's Fan Club (Muhlenberg Chapter)**

The college has recently announced that comedian Norm MacDonald has been invited back to address the Senior Class at their Commencement on May 17.

At this time, MacDonald will receive an Honorary Degree in Interpersonal Communications.

Previous Commencement Speakers include Gail Eisenhower and Comedian Bill Cosby. These speakers did not have the same effect as MacDonald will.

MacDonald has been asked to talk about alcohol, sex, drugs, and porn in "the real world." Of course MacDonald will provide much more than just a tasteful discourse on homosexuality as well.

Administrators hope that MacDonald will be able to offend an even larger majority of students upon his return to Muhlenberg.

MacDonald has been directed by the powers that be to add racial jokes, sexual innuendoes, feminist anecdotes, and religious sarcasm.

His show in Memorial Hall on January 26 attracted 1,500 students at the onset but numbers quickly deteriorated as students slowly began to leave during the rise of his vulgarity and insensitivity.

"Once again, this is our hope," said Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg.

"As prospective graduates and their families become offended by MacDonald's 'humor,' they will begin to leave the ceremony."

Ehrenberg said that the college's goal is to lose as many prospective graduates during the ceremony as possible which would lessen the cost of post-graduate receptions and the expense of dry cleaning caps and gowns.

The college plans on directing these saved expenditures towards the Muhlenberg Activities Council who will use it to program high-quality comedians.

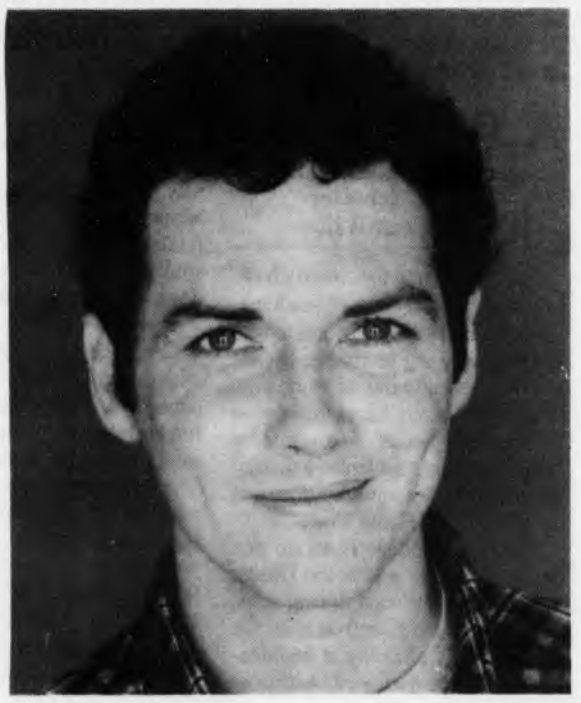
Director of MAC, Becky Grace was unavailable for comment but Presidential Assistant Abby Ingber said, "The council is shocked yet ecstatic that the Administration has thought of this way to secure more funds for MAC—$17,000 is just not enough these days for a drunken, homophobic, patronizing loser like MacDonald."

Ingber hopes that the Taylor's will collect dollar donations as they hug each remaining graduate goodbye.

"This should bring in no more than $195 after MacDonald finishes his address," she speculated.

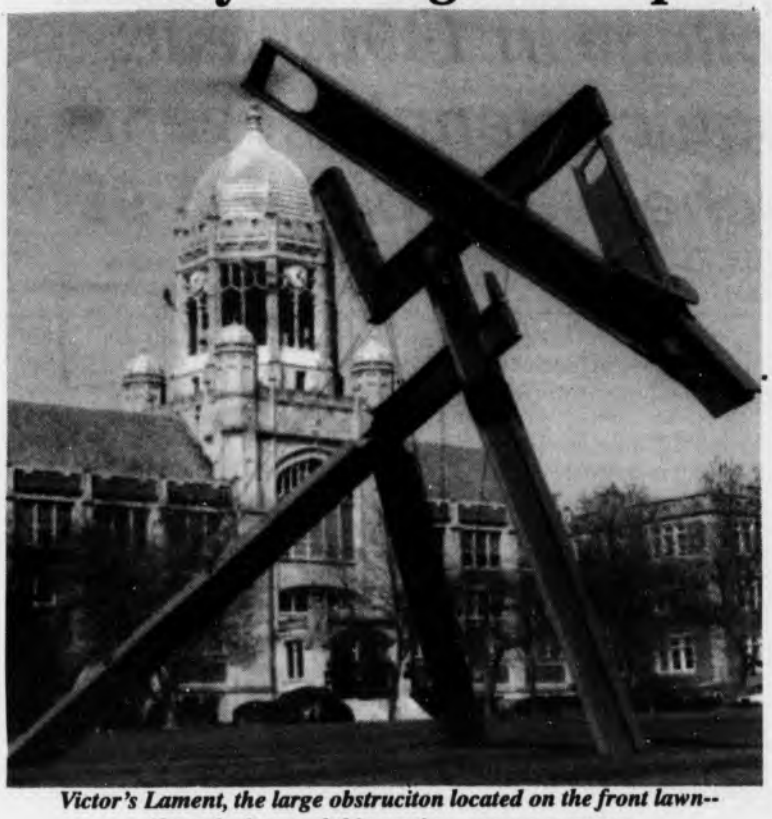
MacDonald has already begun preparing for his address to the Muhlenberg graduates.

"My preparation includes not preparing at all. That seems to work best for me," MacDonald said.



# True nature of Victor's Lament on front lawn discovered

## Weekly *investigative reporting discovers alien squirrel conspiracy*



*Victor's Lament, the large obstruciton located on the front lawn-- if you had to read this caption, you are a moron*

**By Eto Demerzel**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The true nature of the giant red-painted iron structure outside of Seegers Union commonly known as "Victor's Lament" has been discovered.

Following up on an anonymous tip, a Weekly reporter hid in the bushes last Thursday night and witnessed a scene that belonged more in a science fiction movie than on the Muhlenberg campus.

According to the reporter, who fears for her safety and wishes to remain anonymous, at approximately 4:30 am the sculpture began to "vibrate furiously."

After three or four minutes of rapidly-strengthening vibrations, the very physical nature of the structure began to change. The ground underneath split apart, and a "large metal structure cylindrical in appearance, made of a metal-like material that seemed to absorb all ambient light" rose from the ground.

Victor's Lament, now towering forty feet above ground, was reformed in a way that made it resemble some sort of futuristic satellite dish.

The frightened reporter then witnessed the structure send a tight beam of incredibly bright light into the depths of the night sky, rotate a few degrees to the south, and send out another beam.

For the next ten minutes the reporter witnessed the structure revert back to it's original form. The metal "base" sunk back below the ground with such precision that no physical sign was visible on the ground. Victor's Lament once again was reformed into the mass of tangled girders that is so familiar to Muhlenberg students.

The reporter, who was then questioning her sanity, began to quietly make her way back to her dorm room. It was then that the truly remarkable happened.

Two bright lights appeared in the sky overhead, and anyone looking up to the sky would have been witness to two enormous disc-shaped vehicles hovering above the Muhlenberg campus without making a sound.

After a series of lights elaborately flashed on each ship, perhaps in a ritual of interstellar greeting or communication, one being from each ship descended to the ground in a beam of light.

The two aliens proceeded to make their way towards Victor's Lament. After both aliens, who resembled large furry rodents with gigantic tails, had reached their destination under the sculpture, a bizarre ritual began.

The reporter heard rustling all around her, and from what seemed like everywhere squirrels ran to Victor's Lament. After five minutes, the reporter stated that there

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# Barbara Walters to join Communications Dept.

**by Aunt Jemima**
***Weekly* Correspondant**

Not to anyone's surprise the communications department has hired a new professor, Barbara Walters has accepted a position as an assistant professor of communication. Walters will officially join the communications department next fall.

Walters has worked in the communications field for her entire career. She is well known for her many interviews with celebrities. Walters will come to Muhlenberg directly from her job as the co-anchor of the popular television program, *20/20*.

The decision for Walters to entirely switch her career path is something that she has been thinking about for a long time. She has been finding her job which involves, interviewing celebrities, traveling around the world and making millions of dollars quite tedious. She expects that her job teaching at Muhlenberg will have much more excitement.

Walters admits the idea of working in a communications department as strong as that of Muhlenberg was very intimidating at first, she claimed that she, "wasn't sure if she could handle it." Walters now feels more confident after learning more about the Muhlenberg department. She feels that her presence will help to make the department stronger, and she hopes to, "build it up to be the strongest department on campus."

Another factor in Walters decision to switch career paths is location. Walter's current job requires her to live in Manhattan. Yet she is thrilled with the prospects of living in Allentown.

She feels, "the culture and diversity here will far surpass anything that I will ever experience in Manhattan." She thinks that life in Allentown will provide her with, "plenty of interesting opportunities and things to do!"

Walters was actually very surprised by the fact that Muhlenberg gave her a job offer. She claims that, "The Muhlenberg communication department has a fine reputation for last minute hiring decisions, so when I learned I had been offered a position so far in advance I thought it was a joke."

This is the first time that Muhlenberg has hired a communications professor more than one week ahead of time.

Walters will finish up her stint at *20/20* this summer and be ready for classes in the fall. Her classes will probably fill up quickly, but even if you manage to get into one, there is always the possibility of a last minute change in professors.

# A.B.C. now stands for "All 'Berg Cheats"

**by E.M. Acheater**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Students around the country have lowered their standards of academic integrity. Every student wants to take the easy way out in college by doing the least amount of work possible. Muhlenberg has responded to the students needs. At the recent board meeting, Muhlenberg faculty figured out a way solve this dilemma by revising the Honor Code.

Since the college is aware that papers are bring sold in the Union, cheat sheets are used during tests, and answers are shared on tests, the definitions of cheating at Muhlenberg have been narrowed. Additionally, drop slips do not need an advisor's signature on them, get a friend to do it. This will save student's time since they had to hunt down professors for their signatures.

One problem Muhlenberg faced with the past Honor code is that students do not turn fellow students in for violations. A pre-med student says, "Most all students cheat at 'Berg so there is no reason to rat each other out. If people start reporting each other, the prices for last years labs will skyrocket." The professor agrees, "Why waste the chemicals by having each student perform separate labs when they can copy the graphs." An accounting professor says, " My students have found out how to exit their computerized tests and e-mail each other the answers, I am so proud of them."

Many faculty members are pleased with the revised Honor Code, a communications professors says, "I will have more time to watch the soaps since I will not have to proctor tests. Even when I was in the class room people would cheat. I will not have to take time to read more than three different versions of an assignment because the students hand in the same work."

There is excitement in the English department about the new shipments

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# Around Campus

*Featuring campus clubs and organizations*

**compiled by**
**Good Aim**

**President Taylor** would like to invite the entire student body to his house for a **barbecue** on Saturday, April at 4 P.M. to celebrate the beautiful weather.

The Muhlenberg campus would like to thank **Delta Zeta** for their superb decoration of Parent's Plaza.

Congratulations to the **Concert Board** on successfully bidding for **Michael Jackson**. **Metallica** will be opening for Jackson at the concert on April 29 at 7 P.M. in Memorial Hall. Tickets will go on sale on April 7 in Seegers Union.

The OCDP will be sponsoring a seminar, **So You Want To Go To Clown College?**, on Friday, April 3 at 4 P.M. in Seegers Union 108-109. Please sign up in the OCDP ahead of time.

**Delta Zeta** would like to thank all of it's sisters for washing their socks this week. Good job sisters!

In hopes of ending disputes with neighbors, the college announces the **purchase of all of the houses in neighborhoods** surrounding the campus. Any student wishing to live off campus next year should contact the Housing and Residence Life Office.

**OIT** announces the hiring of **Bill Gates** in hopes to resolve all problems with the campus network.

The **Wood Company** will be offering **cooking classes** on Wednesday nights from 7-9 P.M. in the Garden Room starting **April 8**. Please contact Celia for details.

**Sesquicentennial lightpost banners** will go on sale at the end of the semester for $500 a piece. All proceeds will go towards Bicentennial paraphernalia. If interested, contact the **Public Relations Office**.

**Buildings and Grounds** invites any student's ideas on how to eliminate more grass on campus. Please submit architectural drawings and projected, exorbitant costs by April 29.

**Campus Christian Fellowship** will present a showing of **Heaven's Gate** on Friday, April 3 in the Trumbower lecture hall at 7 pm. Popcorn and soda will be served.

**Rainbow Space** will be holding its first unsafe meeting of the year at a **fraternity house** on Sunday, April 5 at 10 pm. If interested, please contact the next drag queen you see.

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**Come to Phi Sigma Sigma's ice cream social from 6 to 8 pm. Meet the sisters and have a cold snack. We are looking forward to meeting you.**

**Love,**
**The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma**

Josh Northridge
&
Lip Sync Contest
Friday
Garden Room
9:30pm - ???

*James Tulli*
*& Friends*
Saturday
Red Door
9pm-11pm

If you liked last Fri...don't miss Sat!

# Mustafa Books Beatles for Memorial Hall

**by Gecky Brace**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

In the quest to finally book a truly "Big Band" for Muhlenberg student's listening pleasure, it seems that ex concert board co-chair Shethir Mustafa has finally scored.

Mustafa, after several failed attempts at this task has been able to book a band of public interest and respect: The Beatles, minus the departed John Lennon.

Indeed, this sensation-inducing band has not played together in decades, but has been persuaded by Mustafa to make Allentown the place of their revival.

"We just couldn't refuse [Shethir], " drummer Ringo Starr reportedly said. "Would you be able to?"

Since this band is so huge, booking them has required tremendous funding.

Since Council can only allocate so much, and since the concert board budget is limited, tickets will be fairly pricey.

"We plan to charge $1000 per student per ticket," Mustafa proudly said. "Therefore, if 7000 Muhlenberg students attend, we can break even."

When informed that there are not 7000 Muhlenberg students, Mustafa reacted poorly, huffily saying, "Well, if kids are too apathetic today to come here, that's not my problem."

Mustafa hopes that student response will be positive. In fact, she's also hoping that enrollment will increase by about 5500 so that her dream can be realized.

"I plan to be here for a very long time, and I will not leave until I see this happen."

Chris Hooker-Haring, after learning of Mustafa's plan, has decided to drastically increase enrollment for the next year, and then accept only 1 person for the next 25 years to make up for the increase.

Hooker-Haring said, "I never got to see the Beatles. I was always afraid I would faint from the excitement of seeing George Harrison. He's pretty dreamy..."

Mustafa said that she worked very hard to book the Beatles, and that she will not rest until she sees the final result.

"The bidding process is so long, involved and difficult. Booking a band is not an easy task. People tell me all the rime that I should just become an agent because I'm so good. But I like working at Java Joe's, and I'm not ready to be an agent yet, even though I'd be fantastic. By the way, anyone who has a few hours on their hands and wants to know all about the bidding process should call me."

The new concert board co-presidents Mike Rembetsy and Deb Edmund say they do not feel overshadowed by Mustafa's accomplishment.

"[Shethir] is pretty fanatical about this stuff," said Rembetsy.

"Normally, I'd be a little upset, but I understand why she felt the need to do this."

If this event is actualized, it will occur next April 1 in Memorial Hall.

When asked whether Memorial Hall could feasibly hold 7000 students, Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole said, "Well, I guess. I always seem to miscount anyway."

Hopefully, all conflicts will be fixable and this project will work out.

Thanks to Mustafa and Concer Board for their work.

Remember kids, that's next April 1--see ya there!

## Top Five Seminars Planned by the Center for Ethics for Next Year:

5. "The positives of non-violent communication" by guest speaker Jerry Springer
4. "Sexual harassment and the workplace" by guest speaker Monica Lewinsky
3. "S & M, bondage, and you" by guest speaker Marv Albert
2. "How to Kill Your Wife and Get Away With It" by O.J.Simpson
   Special guest in attendance: Bill Clinton
1. "Women in Society: We Don't Love Dem Ho's" by Snoop Doggy Dogg

***Yesterday, the Director of Cirulation at the Trexler Library announced that Muhlenberg College has purchased numerous new books which will be on the shelves within a week. They library staff hopes that students will find these books enjoyable as well as educational. Look for these new titles . . .***

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| The Yellow Stream | I.P. Daily |
| The Purple Stream | I.P. Peculiar |
| Rustle in the Bushes | Izzy Onher |
| The Cellophane Bathing Suit | Seymour Hiney |
| Over the Cliff | Hugo First |
| Liontaming Made Easy | Claude Balls |

# Pamela "Lee"ves you wanting more

**by Buck Naked and Tawney Knockers**
***Weekly* Staff Writers**

When home vidoes are mentioned, one generally thinks of kids playing softball and family birthday parties.

Not this home video.

Tommy and Pamela Anderson Lee bare all in this sexploit consisting of footage from pre-wedding to honeymoon adventures.

In reality, the only impressive elements in this crudely shot film were Tommy's lengthy member and a couple of Pamela's assets.

Unlike the "real" porn, which we all crave, there weren't any close shots, nothing particualrly explicit.

In fact, the whole thing was kind of a letdown for those seeking real hard-core porn action.

The couple was even annoying at times. After all, how many times can anyone really stomach Pamela saying "Oh baby, I love you so much." Less talking would have certainly been a big improvement.

One area which left no room for improvement was Tommy's manhood, which closely resembled a baby's arm.

Can we say "OUCH!!!" ladies? Like to be impaled? Go see Tommy.

Sorely missed was the snappy 1970's type soundtrack which seems to accompany all porn flicks.

The cinematography was absolutley appallling, even for a home video. Perhaps they were too preoccupied to really do a good job, but neverthless was attrocious. Unfocused, shaky, and never quite revealing enoungh for most Pamela Lee fans.

While like most porn, this Lee family epic, lacks a coherent plot, it makes up for it with exciting and unique locals like Tommy's truck, boat and even the Pacific Ocean.

On top of all of this, Pamela Lee gives a performance, slightly less believable than her starring turn in last year's *Barb Wire*.

Obviously her paycheck from the aforementioned flick undeniably went to enhancing her already formidable star qualities.

All in all, ***Tommy Lee and Pamela: Exposed*** is a letdown on all fronts. Too scary for the girls and far too humbling for the guys, this video gets two thumbs down from these two reporters.

# Your *Weekly* Horoscope

## Don't you dare leave home without it!

### Aries

You will bleed. You will bleed the blood of the unrighteous. You think they don't know about you? About what you did that fateful night? The screams of your victims will come back to haunt you a thousand fold. You can feel it can't you? You can feel the unyielding steel ripping into your pliable flesh. They are all laughing at you.

### Taurus

Well, Taurus I think its time you faced facts. He doesn't like you. He never will. You can dress up as much as you want, wearing all that perfume. Face it you are trash. You are a good for nothing slut. He could never want some one like you. So stop your whoring Yvonne.

### Gemini

You just don't want to leave the house today. Seriously.

### Cancer

There's a clinic, you know. Downtown. Yeah, it's in a bad area, but you REALLY need to go. Sorry to tell you this: it broke. So, you might want to think about how you guys are going to handle it. In fact, did you even speak after last weekend? You're going to have to now. At least to get the money.

### Leo

You drink alone. You drink every day. You drink when you are depressed, and you drink when you are happy. I guess you are trying to overcompensate for not having hooked up in a month and a half. But sorry honey, beer goggles don't work in reverse.

### Virgo

You drink too much as well. Often with Leos. Much too much. Beer flows through your veins as opposed to blood. Mickey Mantle's old liver would probably be more functional than yours at this time. Still, you have good reason. You have seen and heard things that no human should ever be forced to live through. Actually, if I had been in the room at the time, I'd be shooting heroin at this point.

### Libra

The first column is all true except for #'s 6, 9, and 12. The essay question is on the similarities between Forster and Woolf. Don't worry Rosenwasser will never read the horoscopes. Remember if you don't sign the Academic Behavior Code it ain't cheating.

### Scorpio

Beware the striped bunny. It is evil. Look at the way it stares as it slides down rainbows in a burlap sack eating pierogies. Look at the way it wears those wooden shoes. Anyone who would wear those is certainly just plain weird, if not even satanic. So, no matter how much you think you like the bunny, no matter how much you think you want to pat it, you must refrain. It is the antichrist and will only bring you woe.

### Sagittarius

Neve Campbell is the bad guy in *Wild Things*. Leonardo dies and the boat sinks. The chick is a guy in *The Crying Game*. Darth Vader is Luke's father. It's not Matt Damon's fault. (Although dating Minnie Driver was) Keyser Soze is Kevin Spacey. And *The Full Monty* was just gross.

### Capricorn

Just because you are paranoid doesn't mean they are not out to get you. They can see you right now. Over there. No to the left. There. Can you see them?

### Aquarius

You are going to die. Nothing you can do about it. If you hide under your bed, then a fat woman will sit on it. If you cross the street, you will get hit by a car. If you eat on campus, you will get food poisoning. But what else is new? Regardless, remember this: The crow flies at dawn.

### Pisces

I can't think of any more horoscopes, but I don't think anyone is reading this anyway. Everyone knows these things are fake don't they? Kind of like Pro Wrestling. Speaking of which, what the hell happened with that? Ever since the Undertaker and IRS came into the WWF I stopped watching. I miss Brother Love. And Hulk Hogan is a bad guy now? What's up with that? I think they should have Transformers wrestle.

## Freed to shack up students

HOUSING from page 1

make it illegal for people between the ages of 18-22 to be permitted to live in the city. She will surely be quoted: "Move 'em all to Bethlehem! We don't want them here!"

Freed was unavailable for comment when contacted. We wanted to hear her vision for Muhlenberg, or probably more importantly (and the same), the mayor's vision. Upon asking a neighbor of Fried's whereabouts, we were told that she was collecting signatures for yet another ordinance. When asked about the content of this ordinance, the neighbor sighed and said: "Who knows? All we know is that she is knocking on our door for the fifth time this week."

The Housing Office has already prepared students for the worst. To show the students what is in store for them, Housing has moved an East R.A. into the Quad on a permanent basis (see photo). Housing has said that Freed will need space in the residence halls for her ordinance paperwork.

Details of the exact dates that this will all happen are still sketchy. All we know is that there are going to be major changes in the way students are housed on and off campus. So don't throw away those refrigerator boxes just yet. And if you did discard those cardboard wonders, do not fret. I hear there are some really good rates for housing in Bethlehem.

## What the hell it really is

LAMENT from page 4

must have been at least a thousand squirrels neatly sitting in ordered rows in front of the two aliens.

As the last stragglers made their way to the gathering, the aliens began to address their captivated audience in a language the reporter could not comprehend.

They then began chantingsomething along the lines of "Death to all humans!

Quickly, the aliens returned to their ships and departed. The squirrels scurried back to their homes .

What the squirrels were told, who can tell? Perhaps words of praise for their abundance on campus; perhaps instructions on future plans.

When asked about the strange occurrence, one student said, "They're going to take over the school! There are so many at Muhlenberg. One of them bit off a student's finger once!"

## College to tear down and start over

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In any case, the brand new Begbie's Union will include seven faculty lounges, an alumni office, and one small eating establishment, which will serve only The Bagel Bomb and Low Fat turkey sandwiches, at an additional five cents, of course.

A working fireplace will be installed.

The Administration/ Admissions Center to be named "The Jay Faigenbaum Memorial Center" will house the same departments but will be located where the Trexler Library currently stands on the opposite side of Chew Street.

The new "McCallister Resource Library" will be built on its original grounds along Academic Row.

"We want our turf back," said Myrna McCallister, Director of the Library.

The offices of WMUH will move to the new and improved Nipple of Knowledge atop the Faigenbaum Center. This way, they will have a much stronger signal which will reach at least twenty five percent of the dorm rooms on campus.

The new Science buildings will not smell like rotting organic matter and will display wax replicas of Long's head in the stairwells.

The color of the doors on campus are to be decided by a Student Council survey during the next election. Possible choices are teal, fucia, and lime green.

Election official Ayla Tezel reminds students: "Don't forget to vote! I'm not going to send you an email for reminder!"

"This is a wonderful gift and it shows great leadership," says Arthur R. Taylor, President of Muhlenberg College.

More alumni and friends of the college should follow in Long's footsteps.

"We need all the money we can get," he said.

Long hopes that by setting this example, other alumni will follow in his lead by donating their savings.

"There are still small apartments available for donators at the Allentown YMCA," he said. "And they're really cheap."

## ABC renegogiated

ABC from page 4

of cliff notes, an English professor says, "Why make the students read the classics when they can get a summary of the works in cliff notes."

This new decision has lead many students to collect their old papers and tests in hopes of receiving high prices in the Union. A fifth year senior says, "This will make graduation more possible in 1998 since I will be allowed to cheat more openly."

This new code the there will be no need for an Academic Judicial Board. A members of the board on recognition says, "I am sad to leave Muhlenberg, but excited about the fact the college's overall GPA will go up which will place Muhlenberg at a higher ranking".

In response to the new Honor Code, a fraternity brother says, "My brothers and I always got away with cheating so this change does not effect us. We have cheated since we were freshman but this revision will make it easier for those who were not as slick as we are when it comes to cheating."

Muhlenberg is maintaining the reputation of a "sharing and generous community" by doing away with the Academic Behavior Code. Remember, all students are still expected to sign A.B.C. (All 'Berg Cheats).

# Letters to the Editor

## Things We Really, Really, Really Love

A pessimist by nature, I enjoy spending my leisure time finding faults in other people's systems. At Muhlenberg, I've had quite a bit of time to collect a few of my favorite retardations, and I've compiled some odds and ends that I believe could or should be changed at Muhlenberg. Unfortunately, the full compilation of changes would have required over 20 pages in the *Weekly* to publish, which is much longer than the *Weekly* itself. Here's the abridged essay. Hope you enjoy. Please keep in mind this has been written for one reason: entertainment. I am aware it is immature, so don't be offended.

First, I believe I'll begin with the Muhlenberg food service. If I wanted Ex-Lax, I'd go out and buy it. I don't need my food to act as an instant enema. I'm not quite sure what they're putting in this stuff, but something is definitely wrong. Don't believe me? Ask my colon. GQ isn't getting out of this either. It annoys me that they insist on screaming out your number in anger if you don't hear them, and pick up your food immediately. Don't these people realize there's a P.A. system installed? Also, I think a better idea would be to call out the person's name instead. GQ: "Number 64. NUMBER 64, DAMNIT...PICK THIS UP! GRRRR.....NUMBER 64!" Brad: "Whoops...I might be 64. You know...my name has been Brad Herrlinger for years, and it's printed right on the ticket. Calling that out may prove more successful." The Red Door is even worse. I'm not sure they bother to announce your food is done at all.

I wish GQ would cook their burgers a lot longer too. While throwing water onto the grill to give the effect of cooking does seem ingenious, my burger is still raw. And why are they always running out of stuff? Especially at G.Q. Late Night. If you're going to be open, carry what's on your menu. If you're not going to keep it in stock, take it off. Have you ever watched "The Simpsons" at the Red Door? How come Bart and Homer look as green as glowing neon aliens? Can't somebody fix that? It's really annoying.

While I'm on the topic of annoying, doesn't it annoy you that every single time you go to your friend's dorm you have to call them or wait until somebody lets you in? I think it would be a good idea if your Simplex opened up every single building on campus until about 11 p.m. (quiet hours). I know, I know: Brown. Fine, we'll leave Brown out of it. Too much estrogen in there anyway. But seriously, running the Simplex system the current way accomplishes nothing except inconveniencing us. We're going to get in anyway, but without the Simplex it takes longer. And why can't they put the Simplex encoding right on our I.D. card? That would be convenient. If it gets lost (since I know that's the argument against this), then guess what? You're going to deactivate it right away since you won't be able to eat! Damn I'm smart.

While I'm on the topic of smart, the hours the Campus Bookstore keeps are really dumb. What is this, a bank? Why open at all? Talking about closing, I don't think that Seegers Union should close at night. It's a campus-wide common area that should always be available. Especially since the library closes before some people finish studying. Granted 2 a.m. is late, but only in the real world. Not in college.

Our computer network strikes me as particularly weak. Wow, Windows 95 finally! I am not impressed. It's highly unstable, and the Internet is slow. And Windows 98 comes out in a few months. I guess we'll be upgrading to that in 2002. I don't know their budget, but O.I.T. seems to be poorly managed. In the words of a campus senior and in a previous *Weekly* article, "If O.I.T. had been a business, they would have gone bankrupt years ago." Damn right.

Doesn't it annoy you that there are only 4 washers and dryers for an entire residence hall? Why can't they install a few more? They're going to get used, and then there will be less wear and tear on each one. Unfortunately, even an infinite amount of machines will prove useless without any CHANGE MACHINES! There should be one in every laundry room.

While toilet paper got covered two weeks ago, I'll just have to repeat it. What imbecile ordered sandpaper? I don't want to scrape my ass; I want to wipe it. For $24,000 a year, you can get me Charmin. The puffy kind. Since I'm talking about the bathroom, I also think that some of my $24,000 can go towards paper towels and soap. I'm surprised nobody has filed a lawsuit yet. This is totally unsanitary. I'm sure Arthur Taylor doesn't walk around with dried feces on his hands. Just as ridiculous is the Health Center CLOSING on the weekends! What, I'm not allowed to get injured on the weekend? As I see it, between athletic and Greek life you're probably more likely to need assistance on the weekend. And why should I need a medical condition in order to have my air conditioner installed? Do they honestly believe that healthy people don't get hot?

Sooner or later you'll need to make a trip to the Muhlenberg Mail Room. Probably later. UPS Online Tracking shows my package was signed for at 9:18am, yet at 2:30pm, more than 5 hours later, my package is still not ready. It can't possibly take more than a few seconds to write it in. Mismanagement seems to be a recurring theme here at Muhlenberg.

Why do we watch campus movies on Red Door's crappy screen with its lopsided sounding audio system? I'm certain we have a real screen down in the Center of the Arts. Why can't we use that? We could set up a popcorn stand and a soda machine. Maybe even get a good movie to watch too.

How about we add a couple more Ping-Pong tables in the dorms on campus. Last but not least, I must say that Muhlenberg College has made an unprecedented move. It's the first college in the history of mankind to remove its only POOL TABLE. Duh.

Before concluding my mini-bitch session, I want to point out that for every tiny bad thing I expose, there are twice as many good things that I love about this school. I know it's a little late in this essay to get soft now, but I'm serious. Unfortunately, good things aren't as entertaining to read or write about. Have a nice day.

**Brad Herrlinger '00**
**With contributions from Robby Richman '01**

# Apathy Disappeared

Planets Together
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

I've noticed recently that there are more students on campus than I'd previously suspected. It seems as though the recent spell of warm weather has brought several groups of recluse students out of winter hibernation. It isn't merely the same students over and over again whom I witness walking the hallowed pathways of campus, but a multitude of fresh faces. Squinting, pale faces with characteristic sleep lines creased into their skin. This makes life interesting and enjoyable and I find myself seeing Muhlenberg in a whole new light. Further interactions with people causes me to believe that campus may be more of a welcoming place than I'd previously imagined. I no longer believe in the apathetic, gossip mongering, narcissistic manner by which I have portrayed Muhlenberg in the past. In light of new impressions and attitudes, several unusually positive perceptions of campus began to emerge, resulting in a restructuring of my mental framework.

Several enlightening developments have come about from my enhanced interactive participation with members of the campus community. These positive impressions of campus life have called into question the negative catch phrases frequently used in my column. A fresh list of pleasant phrases and attitudes will replace the depressing writing style that's come to be my own. The first of these phrases being what I previously referred to as apathy or laziness. No longer will the term apathy and laziness be of use to me in my weekly columns, the relaxed manner with which students interact will now be deemed "laid-back".

Laid-back isn't simply an attitude, but a way of life here on campus. It's relative to a California lifestyle frequently characterized by the phrase, 'take it easy baby, take it as it comes'. This new attitude seems to pleasantly coexist with the normative college lifestyle and acts as a foundation for other phrases to follow.

Stemming from this new laid-back lifestyle, I've also developed a positive phrase for gossip. Gossip previously referred to the impolite manner by which people disrespect each other behind closed doors, meanwhile feigning friendship in a public setting. There is no abundance of gossip, as I'd previously believed, but a lack of gossip on campus. False impressions and negative attitudes towards my fellow students have clouded my ability to see and think clearly. What previously I had perceived as gossip is nothing more than open communication among members of campus. This open communication is healthy for development of long lasting relationships. Everyone should be pleased to know that such a firm system of communication exists around us.

I hope that my change of heart has encouraged more of you to read this column. Eventually it will be a symbol of our close knit campus, a safe haven from insults and negativity, and something to look forward to each Thursday. Worlds Apart will no longer be skeptical, pessimistic, or cynical. This is the beginning of a firm commitment to articles depicting the wealth of friendly attitudes prevalent among members of our campus community. This is for YOU Muhlenberg, the people who make it so special!

## Policy of This Issue

All letters submitted to *The Weekly* must be signed by the author. However, names wil be withheld upon request. Opinions and Articles appearing in this issue of *The Weekly* are strictly facetious, if not appropriate. None necessarily reflect the views of the administration, student body or Editorial Board. However, it should be noted that we, the Editorial Board, did find several of them to be amusing.

# Mascot "Moonie" Coming Soon

Slippery Goo
by George Saitta
Asst. Opinion Editor

How fast do you think rumors spread around the Muhlenberg College campus? With only a little over 1800 students on this campus, pretty damn fast! However, this week I have three rumors turned reality to pass along to you my readers. It's pretty hot stuff!

As you know, the semester is slowly coming to a close. For those of you coming back to Muhlenberg for the fall semester of '98, major changes are on the way. No, I am not talking about the new addition to the C.A. or a change in the ambiance of Red Door or G.Q. Rather, changes will take place, affecting the present student body and the incoming class of 2002 both *mentally* and *physically*.

To begin, I want you to consider our present college mascot, the *Muhlenberg Mule*. Maybe you are in love with the mule? Maybe you really hate the mule? I will admit, Chris Subbio's mural in the Red Door is quite attractive. Yet, whether or not you are infatuated with the Muhlenberg Mule, it's time to say goodbye to the *mule*, *donkey*, *ass*—whatever you want to call it. Yes, a new mascot will arrive in the fall semester; it's time to say hello to the *Muhlenberg Moonies*.

Now, I know you are wondering, "What in the world is a Moonie?" Webster's Dictionary defines a Moonie as, "a member of the Unification Church established and headed by Sun Myung Moonie." Moonies vow to live lives of total service, peace, and happiness. In fact, when researching this religious cult, I discovered that their common occupation is in the area of floral arrangements and sales.

Yet, why choose the Moonie? Honestly, the choice was an administrative decision lead by the efforts of Dean Rudy Ehrenberg. You see, it all refers back to Rudy's army days and a revelation that will somehow not leave Rudy alone.

In a dream this past February, Rudy remembers being hit by a stray bullet and suddenly being visited by Sun Myung Moonie. Moonie told Rudy, "You need to advocate peace not war. Rudy, use the force to bring my Moonie smile to those you teach!" Teach? Rudy could not imagine what in the world this man meant. Here he was amidst flying bullets and shrapmetal, and this guy was advocating peace.

Well, as you know, Rudy went on to become a teacher and administrator at Muhlenberg College. However, somehow his Moonie revelation was a reality; he was visited once again by Sun Myung Moonie this past February.

The second major alteration on this campus gives new meaning to the word liberal. In fact, the change relates to freshman orientation process and will affect both the Class of 2002 and the peer student advisors.

The administration will incorporate a "Be yourself day!" into the freshman orientation. A mandatory part of orientation, students will be required to spend an entire day on the Muhlenberg College campus entirely *nude*. That's right, I said nude! Freshmen will become one with themselves. Mule=Bad, Moonies =Good.

# Deserved Applause

Carney's Corner
by Larry Carney
*Weekly* Dictator

Last week concluded the term for this year's Student Council. I have never seen a group of leaders work so diligently in accomplishing all of their goals of the semester. The things that were achieved by this Council was better than any other group in the 150 years of this campus.

Just look at the list of things that they accomplished. They have turned the Red Door into an authentic sports bar (except without the alcohol). The statistics alone speak for the success of the changes in The Red Door. More and more people eat in the Red Door each day.

Don't forget about that path behind ML. It has made walking so much more pleasant.

Other events have been successful. They went into the neighborhood and walked children across the street to ensure their Halloween Safety.

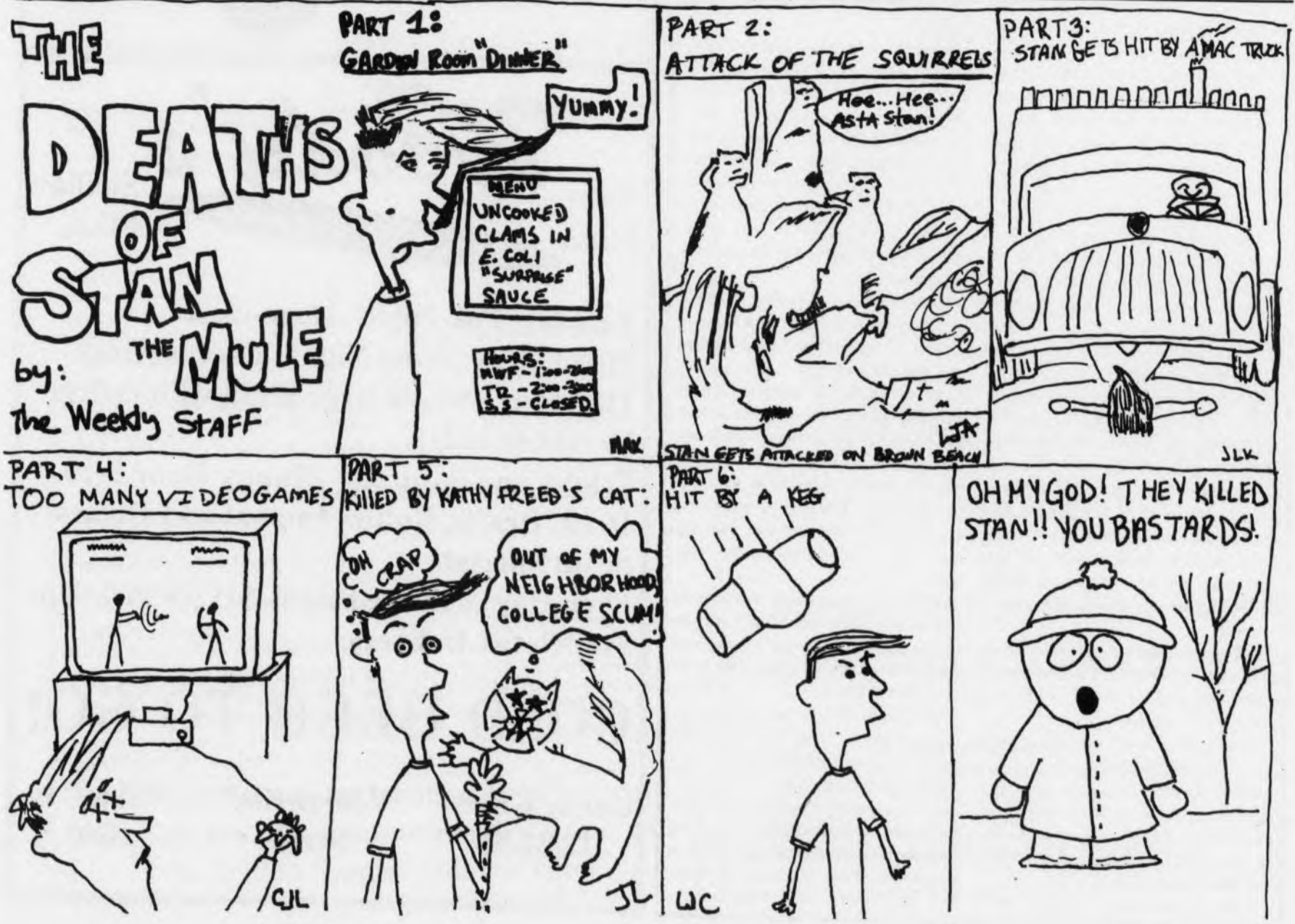
They have revitalized the recall procedure, holding each of their members accountable for missed meetings. This Student Council has brought themselves back to their original cause: the students.

Student Council has extended their hands to people in other countries. Some of their members bared it all in Mexico, showing that they are real people too.

They have always abided by the rules, especially when it came to elections. They really cleared up the rules, never leaving anything open to interpretation.

The Finance Committee also did an incredible job of using all of the money in the budget. They stripped the budget down until there was nothing left.

I hope the next Student Council will be able to measure up to the last one and that Lisa Ansorge will be able to fill the shoes of outgoing president David Silber.



# Under Ceej

***A weekly sports column exploring the problems facing sports today***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

There is a growing trend visible in all aspects of sports today. This trend can be seen all over the world, from pee-wee leagues to the professional level. Women are becoming more and more involved in sporting events of all kinds. This needs to be stopped.

Women's sports are rapidly growing, in both participation and recognition. Women's soccer is starting to rival men's soccer for prestige. There are now TWO women's basketball leagues.

And the most distressing situation of them all: the Olympics.

For two weeks this past winter, the world was subjected to women participating in sports of all kinds, from cross-country skiing to figure skating.

And now Wheaties cereal has chosen the women's ice hockey team to be on their next box cover? Those women on that team did nothing extraordinary! They played a game that no other country in the world had a real women's team for besides Canada, and we all know that Canadians are just want-to-be Americans.

Wheaties should have put a REAL sports team on the cover, like the American men's hockey teams. Those are real athletes. Women are just impostors.

And now all of the little girls all over this country and others will be "inspired" by the performances of women in sports, and wish to emulate them.

Great, just what we need, more young girls devoting their time to an area where they'll never be men's equals, when they should be practicing things that matter, like cooking, cleaning, and sewing.

What kind of state is this country going to be in when, ten years down the line, no women know how to cook a pot roast or darn a sock because they were too busy deluding themselves and playing so-called women's "sports?"

My heart breaks whenever I drive past a ball field or park and see little girls practicing for midget softball or some other nonsense.

Personally, I don't see young girls bettering themselves by playing organized sports. I look at them and see young girls jeopardizing their possibility of achieving what should be the ultimate female goal, marriage and children.

Let's be serious now; girls can't make a living playing sports. The two basketball leagues mentioned above are a joke, and everyone knows it. They'll both be defunct in a matter of two years at most.

People originally went to the games to see the "novelty" of women playing a man's game. Now that they realize that the girls can't dunk, and, infinitely more important, that they don't play in bikinis, people will stop caring.

Now, ladies, don't think that I'm this pig-headed man that doesn't think women should be involved in sports in any capacity. That's far from the truth. I personally believe that women play an integral role in sporting events.

First, those round-card girls who, after every round of a boxing match, walk around the ring wearing next to nothing serve a very important purpose. They hold those huge signs telling everyone what round is coming up. They also give the primarily-male audience something to occupy their time with while waiting for the pugilism to begin once again.

Ball girls at baseball games are important as well. They sit on their little chairs down the foul lines and try their best to catch the foul balls coming their way. Not only do they serve a purpose in that without them foul balls would have to be chased all over and the game would take longer, but they're also good to look at between innings and when the game is going slow.

Cheerleaders are another example of a positive impact women have on sports. I don't think I need to even explain that one.

As shown above, women CAN be directly involved in sporting events and have a positive impact on them. But by far the most important role women play in relation to sports is in the home. There is no more necessary job in the universe than the one women play during football season.

Without women, men would have to actually leave their chairs in front of the television to get a beer, and we all know that would be wrong, almost sacrilegious.

So women DO, in fact, have some place in sports. They just need to be educated as to what the role is. So I put this burden on you, future mothers of the world; don't let your little girls ruin their chances of becoming happily married and having children by allowing them to pursue the fruitless activity of women's sports.

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The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Elmo has been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Caller of the Week. It has been an ideal student-caller, exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. It's great ability as a fund raiser has been instrumental in this year's highly successful Phonathon.
As the recipient of the award, it has been given gift certificates donated by Mr. Hooper's Store, who has been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.

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# Profile of an Ass: The Mule

by Feve Saella
*Weekly* columnist

When you look at a good sports program, various items stick out. First of all, there are the players and the coaches. Without these, there is no hope in winning.

However, there are other components to a good program. A well kept playing surface, good fans, and most importantly.....the mascot. Perhaps the most overlooked, underrated piece of the puzzle.

A good mascot is critical. There are your big time mascots: the Seminole, the Cornhusker, the Wildcat, and who can forget the Gamecock?

Yet none of these rank up with the Mule. We are fortunate to have such a well respected mascot in J.A. Mule.

J.A. was born on a farm in North Dakota, where he was raised by Bob MacDonald. J.A. had plenty of friends there....here a pig, there a pig, everywhere a pig.

Farm life was not going to cut it for him, though.

"I didn't want to grow up like all of the other mules. I wanted to be a part of something."

One afternoon when he was watching the Penn State-Michigan game, he noticed the lion stirring up the crowd.

"Right there I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a college mascot. But who would ever want a mule as a mascot?"

Fortunately for J.A., there was a small school in Allentown looking for a symbol to call its own. J.A. was in town visiting his friend, Gary Greyhound, in Bethlehem.

"I stopped by and talked to the president and we just hit it off." Things were rough at first. "I had a hard time getting adjusted here. The students were just not ready to be called the "mules." But I said, 'Hey, give me a chance.' So I did my thing and it has worked out."

Work out they did, because J.A. has been here ever since.

There has been talk in years that J.A. may lose his job to some youngster, Chris Cardinal. This does not worry J.A.

"Look, I just do what I do. If it isn't good enough, then I will take myself elsewhere."

A top official of the school has denied all rumors that J.A. will be shipped back to the farm.

The mascot is something that people take for granted. Nobody notices that he is there until he is unable to perform.

This was evident two years ago, when J.A. missed eight months to rehab a torn ACL.

"That was a hard time, because I could not go out there and perform for the students. I felt like I let the school and all of its teams down."

Since returning, J.A. has helped lead many teams to conference titles. "I just try to be the best mule I can, and let the pieces fall where they may."

It is time to take a second and give a true hero the recognition he deserves. J.A., I tip my cap.

You have been nothing short of spectacular since you have joined us, and here is to many more years of showing us why you are one of the most important people in sports today.

# Baseball team to receive new dome field on campus

by F. Acetious
*Weekly* staff writer

The Muhlenberg baseball team, which has been without a field on campus for years, will finally receive their dues as a new field will be constructed over the summer for use beginning next season.

The new field, tentatively titled "The Ballpark at Mule Yards," will feature an artificial turf infield, seating for 10,000, a fully-functional retractable dome roof, and it's own micro-brewery.

Athletics Director Steven Erber said, "I'm ecstatic at the prospect of a new ballpark. We've been treating the baseball team like second-rate athletes for the past few years, and now I'm glad that we're giving them the real "home field" they deserve."

Construction on the new ballpark will begin immediately following the conclusion of this academic year. Originally, the college planned to construct the stadium in the field next to the library.

Those plans were forced to change when it was brought to their attention that the limited dimensions of the field would lead to a right field foul-line measurement of a mere 173 feet.

The college next proposed the building of the ballpark on the front lawn of the school. This plan was also scrubbed when they received numerous protests from students opposed to the removal of Victor's Lament the construction would require.

The final site of the new ballfield was decided when President Arthur Taylor stepped in and donated the land the Presidential residence now sits on.

"The baseball team should take priority over where I live," Taylor said. "Baseball has always been my favorite sport."

Members of the baseball team were thrilled at the prospect of having a new field.

"I can't wait for next year when we have our new field," said Assistant Coach Dan Albert. "I expect to see all of Muhlenberg out to support the team."

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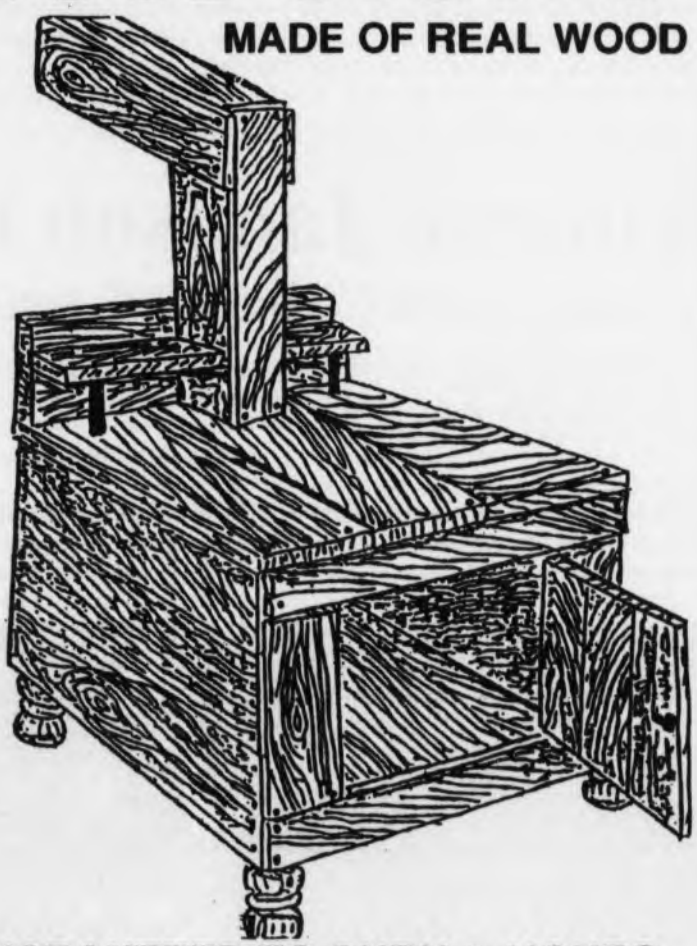

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# Weekly Sports

# Former Mule football coach Greg Olejack named Offensive Coordinator of Philadelphia Eagles

**by N. Otachance**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

One of the most beloved men to ever walk on the Muhlenberg campus, former Head Football Coach Greg Olejack, was named the new offensive coordinator of the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League this week.

Olejack, who left Muhlenberg in 1997, spent the last season at the University of Hawaii as the Rainbow's offensive line coach.

With former offensive coordinator John Gruden departing the team to take over the head coaching position in Oakland, Olejack has big shoes to fill.

In their press conference, held last Tuesday, Eagles' spokesperson Mike Anderson said, "We're thrilled to have Olejack in our organization."

He went on to say, "With John [Gruden] gone, we had a big hole to fill in our offense. We couldn't think of a better person for the job than Greg Olejack."

After Anderson finished, the man of the hour stepped to the mike to address the captivated audience.

"I'm glad to be here," said Olejack. "The Eagles are a prestigious organization, and this is the highlight of my coaching career."

When asked what changes he planned to make to the offense, Olejack wasted no time in responding.

"We're going to run, run, run. Don't be surprised to see us run up the middle every down. It's my opinion that the passing game is a fad, a thing of the past. We'll be the new innovators in the league. Everyone will be riding our wave of change."

*New Eagles' Offensive Coordinator Greg Olejack*

There are still some seniors on campus who remember fondly the "Olejack Dynasty."

One of those seniors, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I was sorry to see him go. He was the best thing that ever happened to Muhlenberg football."

When a freshman player was asked about Olejack, he responded with a starry-eyed, "Wow! Did you know Coach Olejack? I always wanted to meet him. The fact that Greg Olejack once coached here is the reason I came to Muhlenberg!"

Olejack will now concentrate his football knowledge on the Eagles' offense. With a mind as cunning and ingenious Olejack's, there's no doubt that the Eagles will be an offensive powerhouse this season.

This reporter has head rumblings eminating from the Athletic Department about who made the blunder of letting Olejack leave in the first place.

Mule management will be cursing that decision forever.

# Antawn Jamison to transfer to Muhlenberg

## *Former North Carolina All-American to join Mule basketball team next season*

**by Bud Wiser**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Unless you have spent the last few months under a rock, you are probably aware of the recent success of the Muhlenberg athletic programs.

With this success, Muhlenberg has increased in appeal to the superstar athletes.

"It is a case of the rich getting richer," said college basketball analyst Dick Vitale.

A month ago Muhlenberg's men's basketball team won another Centennial Conference title, but now all sights are set on next year when the team will feature the nation's top amateur player, Antawn Jamison.

*New Mule forward Antawn Jamison drives past current NBA star Tim Duncan*

This past Monday, the University of North Carolina junior forward announced his intentions to transfer to Muhlenberg College for his senior year.

At the press conference Jamison said, "The decision was a difficult one. Although I worked so hard to get to the Final Four this year, I do not see our senior-lead squad being able to get back to this position again next season."

Obviously Jamison was not too happy about his future at UNC. He continued, "It's hard to leave Chapel Hill, but I'm very excited about becoming a Mule.

"Aside from the obvious allure of all the red doors, and the upcoming addition to the theater, my close friend (and Carolina alum) Michael Jordan, pointed out the excellent academic program at the 'Berg.

"Then, when I saw that Muhlenberg has a well-coached basketball team, with many young and talented players I knew I wanted to be a part of their future."

It has been quite a while since a first team All-American has suited up in the Cardinal and Gray of Muhlenberg College.

As expected, the entire Muhlenberg community is thrilled.

An elated Head Basketball Coach Dave Madeira joked, "With Antawn, we should pretty much cruise to the National Championship next season. It probably won't even be that difficult."

Although this story may have been overshadowed this past week by the Final Four and student government elections, I am sure there will be more information about this unbelievable story in the coming days. Check the *Weekly* for further information.

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# We're in the money . . . We're in the money

## *College receives over one million dollars in donations and grants*

*Muhlenberg College is making huge, successful fundraising strides*

## The Kresge Foundation awards college $650,000

**By Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

In Muhlenberg's quest for construction-funds, a helping hand recently awarded the college $650,000. The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan has presented the gift to Muhlenberg in the form of a challenge grant toward the renovation of the athletic fields. The challenge requires the college to raise the remaining $1.4 million needed to complete the athletic fields (total - $2.8 million) and the performing arts building (total $8.5 million) by September 1, 1999.

Muhlenberg College President Arthur Taylor made the announcement last week, saying, "We are gratified that this prestigious national foundation recognizes the progress that Muhlenberg College has made. This grant will assist us in building an even stronger base of support for our programs."

Taylor made several visits to Michigan in order to secure the grant for Muhlenberg. The foundation required frequent fund-raising reports and thorough architectural and construction plans from the college.

"The Kresge grant consisted of a complex national and competitive process that took many years to position ourselves for," said Department of Development Vice President Ann Neitzel.

Neitzel spoke highly of the grant, and, specifically, its importance to the college.

"It is quite an achievement for a small liberal arts school like Muhlenberg to get a grant for $650,000. In comparison, Lehigh University, which is a much larger college, was recently awarded a grant of

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# TKE and AXΩ win annual Greek Week crowns

## *Brothers claim back to back victories*

**By Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant News Editor**

Many changes were put forth for this year's Greek Week competition. With the edition of Delta Tau Delta and the elimination of preliminary rounds, the new contest was ruled a huge success.

Weigh-ins and thus weight events like weight lifting and arm wrestling were eliminated this year. According to Ben DiLorenzo, President of Inter Fraternity Council, these events were "too ultra-competitive and had a bad atmosphere."

Preliminary rounds were also eliminated from Greek Week. In place of these, the fraternities were seeded in an equal way in each of the events, so that no one fraternity had an advantage in the competition.

As far as the big events went, Alpha Tau Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon dominated. ATO took first in tug, softball, and swimming, and TKE had blue ribbons in keg toss, obstacle course, ultimate frisbee, and frisbee golf.

The understood rivalry between these two fraternities was understated this year. DiLorenzo said that "all of the participants really interacted well, there weren't many conflicts aside from a few small problems on the sidelines."

For the second year in a row, TKE took first place, scoring 118 points.

Steve Arora, president of the fraternity, said he was "really proud of the way our house came together., and having back to back titles is a nice surprise." Arora singles out senior Jeffrey Graham. "He really led us through this week," he said

The addition of DTD was welcomed by IFC, although some fraternities were irritated by it according to Andrew Buckwalter, president of DTD.

Carney agreed that it was "needed, and next year six fraternities (Phi Tau) will make it that much more exciting."

"It was a lot of fun," said Buckwalter.

Carney commented, "DTD was very competitive and well-prepared."

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## *Sisters comeback to continue legacy*

**By Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Sorority Greek Week events ended this past Sunday, an exciting, memorable, and exhausting week for the sisters of the four sororities: Delta Zeta, Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Sororities competed against one another in various events including volleyball, softball, basketball, swimming, billiards, an eating contest; darts, a community service project, penny wars, tennis, the tug, a lip sync, and an educational talk.

The results after a week full of events are: Alpha Chi Omega won with 119 points, Delta Zeta placed second with 104 points, Phi Sigma Sigma placed third with 89 points, and Phi Mu placed last with 67 points.

The break down of points are as follows: first place receives 10 points, second place receives 7 points, third place receives 4 points, and last place receives 1 point.

Ayla Tezel, President of Alpha Chi Omega said, "This year's Greek Week and our victory illustrates Alpha Chi's ability to stand up under pressure and demonstrates our unity as a sisterhood."

Last year was the first time in twelve consecutive years that AXO lost. Tezel said that they have regained their legacy.

Holli Degnan, a Delta Zeta sister and President of Panhel said, "We tried to make some positive changes and some worked and some didn't. The talent show was a success, but relay races were a disaster."

The races Degnan refers to were held for the first time this year. No administrators were present to referee and the Panhel board found it difficult to referee in an objective way.

Was it about winning and losing?

Delta Zeta sister, junior Janine Shelala said, "Greek Week brought out all the qualities that a sorority portrays. It make the sisterhood stronger. Greek Week is more about

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# Harassing phone calls traced back to trailer park

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

The man responsible for a number of the harassing phone calls in the past two years has recently been identified as J.M. Callery of Allentown.

Perhaps it's his name: J.M. "Caller"y that made him do it. Maybe it's because he's a lonely guy who has nothing better to do in the middle of the night than make obscene harassing calls to innocent women, fast asleep at Muhlenberg College.

Callery was traced back to a trailer park, just outside of Allentown in Salisbury township, where he lives with his mother.

Whether or not he is currently living in Allentown is still being questioned. Allentown Police Department (APD) has contacted the number located on the Caller ID boxes which were placed in Martin Luther Hall but Callery's mother said that he has since relocated to Arizona.

As of last week, there have been forty one records of harassment by communication logged by Campus Safety since January alone. Of those, at least fifteen, probably more, have been traced back to Callery.

Callery is also linked to many of the obscene phone calls made in the spring of 1996.

Director of Campus Safety, Ken Lupole, said that his officers were able to attest the calls to Callery because of the time frames of the calls and what he said on the line. When his name an number appeared on the ID box, Lupole turned the information over to APD.

Callery's number is now unpublished.

Martin Luther resident Becky Pierotti and her roommate Rachel Porzig, both sophomores, filed a report with Campus Safety after they received their fourth late-night call. Pierotti and Porzig's room was not the only one infiltrated with calls.

The girls' RA, Senior Jodie Brody of First Floor Martin Luther was amongst the harassed.

"Personally, I took a sarcastic tone

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# Nationline

compiled by Jenny Lynn Knotek, Asst. News Editor

**Fort Collins, Colo.**—The weakening El Nino weather pattern and other conditions suggest that there will be six hurricanes predicted for the Atlantic Coast this season. Of 10 predicted tropical storms, six of them will develop into hurricanes, between June 1 and November 30. Two of these hurricanes will be classified as majors, sustaining winds of 111 miles per hour.

**Cincinnati, Ohio**—Larry Flynt, publisher of the magazine Hustler was indicted on 15 counts Tuesday, including pandering obscenity. He was convicted of the the same charge in the same city 21 years ago. He and his brother, Jimmy, are charged with selling an obscene video to a fourteen-year-old boy. The 1977 conviction was never retried after being thrown out on appeal.

**Denver, Colo.**—Victims of the Oklahoma City bombing are suing Terry Nichols in the hopes of preventing him from making money off of the incident. Oklahoma and the U.S. Justice Department are seeking $14.5 million in restitution and $25,000 in criminal fees. The bombing in 1995 killed 168 people.

**New York, NY**—One of the boys charged in the murders of four students and one teacher in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mitchell Johnson, said he was sexually molested when he was younger. On Monday's edition of 20/20, Mitchell's father and lawyer disclosed the claims and said how the abuse affected him and that he is "remorseful" about the shootings.

**U.S.**—Currently, the housing market is the strongest it has been since the 1960s. Young people are buying their first homes, baby boomers are buying bigger homes, and the wealthy are buying vacation homes. This market is successful because of a strong economy, low interest rates, and easy credit with low- or no-payment loans.

**U.S.**—More people are claiming to be homosexual in order to opt out of the military, according to Defense Secretary William Cohen. There has not been an increase in sexual harassment, and the policy on homosexuals is working.

**Michigan**—Dow Corning Corporation went to a federal bankruptcy court Monday to seek approval for a $3 billion plan to settle breast implant claims. A compromise should be reached by the end of April. The corporation still claims that its implants are safe.

**Princeton, WV**—A couple is being charged with felony child neglect, after their son, six weeks old, was bitten so badly by rats that he required reconstructive surgery. The bites were found Sunday, and the father upon finding them immediately called 911. The couple, Liz and Frankie Taylor, face up to ten years in prison if convicted.

**Chicago, Ill.**—Three people were charged with the murder of a couple, because they wanted the couple's baby and toddler. Adriana Mejia, Arturo Leon, and Gabriel Solache allegedly killed Jacinita and Mariano Soto, then Mejia tried to pass off the baby as her own and the toddler as the child of a sick friend. However, her own husband saw the toddler's picture on TV and notified the police.

# Campus Safety Notes

## *Two students take a hit from BB gun*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

3/30/98 - Trashing/Unsecured Area - 423 N. 23rd St. - MILE House - referred to Dean's office

3/30/98 - Theft of Bike - ML - Trek Mountain Bike

3/30/98 - Solicitor/Trespassing - Prosser - selling T-shirts - given Letter of Trespass and taken off the property

3/31/98 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Faculty/Staff Lot - hit-and-run - referred to the Dean's office

3/31/98 - Vehicle Violation (freshman) - Seeger's lot

3/31/98 - Fire Alarm - 2245 Gordon St. (Keck House) - food on stove

4/1/98 - Vandalism - 407-409 N. 23rd St. - crack in a window

4/2/98 - Reckless Endangerment - Walz Fire lane - someone hit with a BB from a BB gun in southern end of the Brown/Walz fire lane—hit in the right arm above the elbow. Campus Safety is conducting an investigation as to who might be in possession of a BB gun

4/2/98 - Theft - Seeger's Union - Red Door - 3 articles of sports memorabilia stolen off of the wall, Campus Safety is trying to determine what was stolen

4/2/98 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Chew St. - motorcycle and a car leaving Prosser fire lane onto Chew St.

4/2/98 - Reckless Endangerment - walkway between Brown and Walz - someone hit with BB

4/3/98 - Intoxicated Person - Sorority Lot - over 21 individual had 15 shots of alcohol - referred to the Dean's Office

4/3/98 - Vandalism - Life Sports Center - window smashed outside the weight room

4/3/98 - Fire Alarm - ML - pulled

4/3/98 - Injured Visitor - Seeger's Union - visitor tripped and bumped head

4/3/98 - Theft of Bike - ML - Schwinn 21-speed in basement bike room

4/2/98 - Information - Sportsgate - off-campus - no one arrested

4/3/98 - Injured Student - Life Sports Center - left arm/shoulder area

4/3/98 - Alcohol Violation - Walz - underage possession - referred to the Dean's Office

4/4/98 - Vandalism - ML - ceiling light cover broken into pieces

4/4/98 - Vandalism - corner of 23rd and Chew St. - spotlight smashed, illuminating the college sign

4/4/98 - Theft - Football field storage building - 6 bags of lime

4/4/98 - Harassment by Communication - Prosser 1225 - hang-up phone calls

4/4/98 - Fire Safety Violation/ Animal Complaint - East Hall - referred to the Dean's Office

4/4/98 - Codes Violation - Off Campus - trashing - garage left of the softball field

4/5/98 - Vandalism - outside Trexler - Plaster of Paris statue

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# College's fundraising goals prove to be successful

## Construction Manager for Trexler Library and New West donates $250,000

by Jodi Stark
*Weekly* Staff Writer

The Alvin H. Butz, Inc. recently pledged $250, 000 in support of Muhlenberg's current building program.

This is the second largest gift the Butz Company has made, and the second largest corporate donation in Muhlenberg history.

Ann Neitzel, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations said, "The Butz family has a strong track record as a charitable leader in the Lehigh Valley. They take their obligation to the community very seriously."

The Alvin H. Butz, Inc. served as the construction manager for the Trexler Library and New West. Lee Butz is a member of the College's Board of Associates. His son Greg Butz, the President of the company, also belongs to the College's Board of Associates as well as the Board of Trustees.

The gift will go toward three priority building projects, which are expected to cost about $22.8 million. They include a new Performing Arts Building, a new Academic Center and athletic fields renovations and facility improvements.

Neitzel said, "Corporations feel that the arts is an important life-enriching experience. Their support has helped Muhlenberg to develop such an elaborate Performing Arts Program."

For the fourth consecutive year, the college has reached record high levels of contributions. This may be contributed to increased application numbers, which have appealed to alumni and corporations.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations said, "If there is a decreased student interest, people will not want to donate money to the college."

Deb Kipp, Associate Vice President for Development added, "About 50% of Muhlenberg students are involved in either recreational or intramural sports. This is important because alumni givers recognize a spirited and excited group."

Bruckner, Miller, and Neitzel stressed mostly the positive impact of President Arthur Taylor's leadership with fund-raising endeavors.

In the past five years, Muhlenberg has witnessed a 43.6% reduction in debt equity. Trustee support has increased by 71% and parent giving by 89%. In addition, alumni donations has increased by 109%. These statistics are important because they help to attract foundation support.

Miller said, "Companies don't want to be the top givers. They want to know that things won't fail without their contributions. Nobody wants to support a sinking ship."

Taylor has had many of the community's CEO leaders on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Associates. This helps to bring the corporate leaders closer to the community.

Bruckner said, "Companies are seeing positive things happening at Muhlenberg. When things look promising, people get excited. They want to be associated with a winner."

## Air Products, Inc. donates $100,000 for building

by Louis J. Alloro
News Editor

Fortune 500 company, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. recently donated $100,000 toward the addition to the Dorothy and Dexter Baker Center for the Arts building which was originally constructed in 1976.

Air Products has operations in 30 countries around the world, with over 13,000 employees worldwide. The corporation's 500-acre headquarters are located in Allentown.

Air Products pledges 3 million dollars a year towards the advancement of education, health and human services, civic improvement, and culture/arts. The donation to Muhlenberg fulfills the later culture/arts requirement. The Muhlenberg Theater Association alone attracts an estimated 32,000 valley residents annually.

"This is a further indication of our company's interest in expanding culture and arts initiatives in the region," said Air Products Chairman H.A. Wagner. "Muhlenberg has historically provided an outstanding arena for positive community interaction. The new performing arts building will enhance these program opportunities."

The arts program is now Muhlenberg's fastest growing academic program, serving over 400 students engaged in theater, dance, music, and art.

The building is also home to many area performing groups as well, including the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra.

Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said that this gift is a true honor. He explained that the college is now fund-raising for the three capital projects (Performing Arts Center, Athletic Fields, and Academic Building) as a whole.

"The donations we receive will rollover to each of our projects," he said.

"The momentum for our capital projects continues," said President Arthur Taylor. "This is a wonderful gift from one of the largest and most successful corporations in the Lehigh Valley. [This gift] will improve the quality of cultural life for everyone in the region."

# Pepsi and Acquafina sponsor week's events

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coming together and bonding than it is about winning."

Joanne D'Orazio, a sophomore Phi Sigma Sigma sister said, "Although we came in third, our sportsmanship was strong and we were happy where we placed and look forward to improving next year."

Members of other sororities felt the same.

Kelly Sczerba, a junior Phi Mu sister said, "People have to realize it is just a game and that winning Greek Week isn't everything, maybe that is why we came in last. It is a fun time to hang out with other members from Greek organizations."

The sisters of each sorority commented that the week brought them closer to their respective sisterhood.

While Greek Week has come to an end the bonding and group unity sororities have experienced will continue after this mostly positive and definitely productive week.

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DTD won some of the smaller events, including first in racquetball and ping pong as well as second place finishes in darts, billiards and bowling. Overall, the new fraternity finished fourth with 94 points.

Sigma Phi Epsilon had consistent strength, taking second place in the competition with 97 points..

Although SPE only took first in one event-tennis-their second-place consistency held them to finish in front of the other fraternities. "We were solid in every event," Carney said.

Alpha Epsilon Pi equally enjoyed Greek Week. President Louis Zelus said "I was impressed with how almost everyone handled themselves. The bracketing system "really handled the need" that preliminaries had taken on."

AEPi took first in table soccer and billiards, and scored a total 74 points.

Alpha Tau Omega scored 96 points, finishing third; no one was available for comment.

In relation to past Weeks, this year's contest drew a large number of non-Greeks to events, the biggest being the Lip Sync. In order to involve the entire campus, the Week tried several things, one being the sponsorship by Pepsi and Aquafina. At events, the sponsors had "free stuff" for participants as well as spectators.

## Caller identified

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and shot it right back at him, Brody said." "It was scary—To be woken up out of a deep sleep by heavy breathing is very disturbing."

Residents felt that someone who knew the phone pattern to call straight down the hall made the entire situation close to home.

The bulk of the problem did lie in Martin Luther Hall, Lupole said.

APD is slowly working on the investigation, verifying whether or not Callery is actually in Arizona.

"It's just not a priority with the city police," Lupole said.

If he is in fact in Arizona, the investigation will be dropped.

"It will cost just too much time and money for APD to bring Callery back from Arizona," Lupole said.

If he is located in the Lehigh Valley, however, the college, on behalf of the victims, will criminally prosecute.

## Large grant received from Kresge

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$750,000."

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge; it is not affiliated with any corporation or organization.

In 1997, more than 600 national organizations requested building grants from the Kresge Foundation. Of those, Kresge awarded 61 grants, totaling more than $35 million. Also in 1997, the foundation granted nearly $96 million to 180 organizations.

Kresge grants are made toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities. Grant recipients must have raised initial funds for the project before requesting foundation support. Grants are also made on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, to ensure completion of the projects.

Muhlenberg's mission of raising the remaining $1.4 million will be tackled using several approaches.

"We plan to get strong support from the Athletic Department," said Neitzel. "The college will hold special events inviting Muhlenberg alumni, plus the Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon for the athletic teams."

"Also, the college will be selling seats in the to-be-built 350-seat Broadway-style theater," added Neitzel. "An honorary plaque will be put on the back of each seat with the name of its benefactor."

While the addition to the current Center for the Arts is expected to take one and a half years to complete, it will be ready for access by Fall 1999.

## Bicycle stolen from Martin Luther

**SAFETY from page 2**

was knocked off the ledge leading from the CA to Trexler

4/5/98 - Fire Alarm - East - pulled

4/5/98 - Vandalism - East - shampoo and Noxema thrown all over the bathroom

4/5/98 - Vandalism/Malicious Mischief - Walz - fluorescent lightbulb cover smashed

4/5/98 - Theft - 23rd St. parking lot - blue parking sticker 0144

4/6/98 - Assault - TKE - happened 4/4/98 - continuing investigation

4/6/98 - Disorderly Employee - Seegers Union - MW Wood employee terminated on the 6th came back the same day - given a Letter of Trespass

Campus Safety suggests those with bikes to keep them chained or locked to a bicycle rack with a horseshoe-shaped kryptonite lock.

Whitehall Police Dept. reports that the Harassing phone caller who was caught last month has now moved to Arizona. They police can only write a warrant; he will not be convicted unless he comes back to PA.

# Prospective Peace Corps members find support at Muhlenberg

## *Dr. Gillian Schofer lends her helping hand as they prepare for competitive organization*

**by Stephanie Zanders**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Before Education Professor Gillian Schofer implemented a Peace Corps support group six years ago, students from Muhlenberg had never applied to volunteer for the worthwhile organization.

This year, over ten students have applied and expressed interest in participating in the Peace Corps.

Past Muhlenberg students have visited the Czech Republic, Russia, Bolivia, and Africa. Monthly meetings are held at her house to discuss different issues with Peace Corps applicants, potential applicants, and the applicant's families.

Peace Corps Volunteers offer two years to help people in developing countries meet health care, food, shelter, and educational standards.

Each applicant experiences many anxieties as they go through the process. Schofer counsels the students through their doubts, concerns, and questions concerning the Peace Corps. Whether it is about medical care issues, housing, or parental anxieties, Schofer gives encouragement.

*Dr. Schofer, Peace Corps faculty advisor*

As a Peace Corps parent herself, she understands the parents' concerns; she even gives out her phone number to the applicants' parents.

Her daughter, Rachel, completed her two years in Poland, and upon returning, received a scholarship to the international studies program at Yale. Currently, Rachel is in the U.S. foreign service.

Her daughter's experience in the Peace Corps is what inspired Schofer to initiate the support group at Muhlenberg.

Schofer helps Muhlenberg students become qualified for the application process. She directs them toward volunteer programs in or around campus, and helps them prepare for their interviews.

The Peace Corps is extremely competitive to join.

Every Muhlenberg student who has endured the application process has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

Ten Muhlenberg students just recently received nominations to join the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps is enthusiastic about Muhlenberg applicants because they know about Schofer's meetings and program.

"These groups of Muhlenberg students who go into the Peace Corps are some of the most fantastic and interesting people I have ever met," said Schofer.

Schofer's support continues during and after the students spend time with the Peace Corps. She receives stacks of letters from Peace Corps volunteers, and she keeps herself busy by writing them monthly.

In the letters, students write about their amazing experiences and express gratitude towards Dr. Schofer.

Renee Cafaro, recently teaching for the Peace Corps in Bolivia, writes in one of her letters, "I miss you lots, Dr. Schofer—you were so incredibly helpful last year and I enjoyed your company so much. I wish we would be sitting on your comfy couches talking right now!"

The college and students both appreciate Schofer's outstanding work and guidance.

In April, Arthur Taylor plans to hold a dinner to honor the people at Peace Corps by inviting applicants, recruiters and participants who are just returning after two years.

"Dr. Schofer has had a great impact on me about applying," said Peace Corps applicant John Hennelly.

"She does a lot in promoting the program, and really gets the information out to the students at Muhlenberg. I think she deserves a lot of credit."

# Dr. Kathryn Wixon receives Shire Award

## *French professor is honored three times by College*

**By Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant News Editor**

Winning the Donald and Anne Shire Award for Distinguished Teaching Professor is quite an honor. But 1997's recipient, Dr. Kathryn Wixon, Associate Professor of French, goes much further, being honored by all three teaching awards given at Muhlenberg College: the Lindback award in 1993, and the Empie award in 1997.

Wixon received her B.A. at the University of Michigan and then went on to a Master's program at Middlebury College, although she was rarely there. During her Master's program, she spent one summer session at the college, then three years in Paris.

She spent two years there as a bilingual secretary for the Paris public accountant, Arthur Andersen. However, she decided she liked academics better, and Wixon returned home in 1973 to start her Doctoral at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Because of her wonderful experiences in Paris, she encourages all of her students to study abroad. "It is a real advantage for graduate school," she says, "and there are jobs you can get to pay your way."

Before moving to Allentown with her husband, Jack, and taking the position at Muhlenberg in 1986, Wixon taught at the University of Louisville. She then spent two years at Lafayette College, on a sabbatical replacement.

Wixon enjoys teaching at Muhlenberg because of the faculty and the students she works with. She can teach at all levels and varieties, plus she can make changes in the classes because of the freedom in the curriculum. Contrary to popular belief, there is a larger number of students enrolled in French classes than in the past.

Wixon holds the professors at Muhlenberg in high regard. The faculty "is very collegial; they try very hard to help students as well as work to be excellent teachers," Wixon said.

In 1993, Wixon became one of the founding members of the Faculty Center of Teaching, along with Jane Flood (Physics), Kathy Herring (Psychology), Michael Carbone (Education), Fred Norling (Business), and Richard Niesenbaum (Biology). Flood, Carbone, and Norling have since stepped down, but Linda Miller (English), Jack Gambino (Political Science), and Margie Haas (Philosophy) have stepped onto the Advisory Board.

This group of professors founded the Center to have real forums on teaching; even though awards are given out, there was no body of teachers on campus and no communication between them. The Pennsylvania Department of Education as well as the Dean's Office gave the group funds to start the project.

The Center holds faculty orientations, as well as forums on topics ranging from grading, participation, and discussion to the liberal arts curriculum. It also holds workshops on such things as cooperative learning.

*Dr. Kathryn Wixon, Professor of French*

Wixon enjoys this project very much. She said, "It is very dear to my heart, as I am first and foremost a teacher. [The Center] fills a need for professors at Muhlenberg."

As a professor, one of things Wixon is the most frustrated by is the oral participation of students in her classes. Wixon really tries to create a community in her classroom. "Students need to value working with each other."

As part of her award, Wixon gave a presentation about teaching "process and content" to students. It is important that students learn content in French as well as learn skill development to use this content. Also, she feels effort should not be confused for achievement; quality does matter. In a foreign language classroom, this means not just participating, but perhaps using the right verb tense or a new vocabulary word.

Lately, Wixon herself spends more time thinking about process than content. She spends more time in thinking about how she can teach the content, rather than on what content to teach.

In May, Wixon will proudly wear her medallions for the Empie and Shire awards. She is an outstanding teacher, thrice honored by the College, and held in high esteem by fellow faculty.

"She is one professor that Muhlenberg should hold dear," said Sylvia Figel, one of Wixon's students. Jessica Sorrow, another student, says, "She is the glue that holds the French Department together."

***The Muhlenberg Weekly* congratulates**
**Entertainment Editor Jillian Lovejoy**
**for being voted**
**Student Council Representative, Class of 2000.**

# Around Campus

compiled by
Amy Kern

Congratulations to the newly elected **Executive Board of Student Council:**

Jason Donnelly
*Vice President*
Scott Davies
*Finance*
Aaron Dorfman
*Corresponding Secretary*
Milena Negrao
*Recording Secretary*

Congratulations to **Jenn Volk** on getting lettered! Love, Your **Delta Zeta** Sisters

A lecture on **Wellness For Active Women and Women Athletes** will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 P.M. in Trumbower 130 as part of the Women's Health Lecture Series. For further information, contact Patrice DiQuinzio, Director of Women's Studies, at 821-3416.

**Uninvited Guests** will perform from 9-10 P.M. on Friday, April 17 in the Red Door. A $1 donation will be going to Turning Point.

**Delta Zeta** would like to congratulate **Lizzy Shimkin** on being named "Greek Goddess." We love you, Lizzy!

The **Muhlenberg Dancers** will perform April 23 to 25 at 8 P.M. For tickets, call the box office at 821-3333.

***Send submissions for***
**Around Campus** ***to***
***Amy Kern at Box 1739***

# MTA performs Brecht's *Galileo* to crowded Empie Theater

## *Baker Artist in Residence, John Ramsey, delivers top-notch performance*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Assistant Entertainment Editor**

The last time you probably heard the name *Galileo*, you were watching Wayne and Garth headbang to Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" in *Wayne's World*. However, this past week, Muhlenberg's players helped to bring back this man's name and life story. There was no headbanging involved.

Numerous Muhlenberg actors performed in Bertolt Brecht's play, *Galileo* which ran from April 1-5.

The actors showcased their talents to a sold-out crowd on Saturday night and a pretty packed hall on all other nights and matinees.

The cast and choir of Muhlenberg students were accompanied by Equity artist John Ramsey who did a superb job of playing Galileo. Ramsey has appeared on and off-Broadway in numerous shows and for the last five years has appeared as the judge on television's *Law and Order*. In addition to bringing Galileo Galilei to life, he also taught the Muhlenberg actors a great deal. Nate Lombardi, assistant director and also an actor in the play commented, "[John Ramsey] has a really good work ethic, but is really fun, too. If you wanted to talk to him, he took the time to talk about auditions and being an actor in New York."

*John Ramsey played Galileo, the leading role, in MTA's Galileo*

While the actors learned from Ramsey, the audience learned about Galileo from the actors. *Galileo* provided an intriguing look into the trials of Galileo Galilei, a natural philosopher and mathematician who was far ahead of his time. The play focused primarily on Galileo's difficulties with the Catholic Chuch, which claimed that his heliocentric model of the universe went against the Holy Scripture. Galileo was a determined yet unruly and obstinate man, and although the Church was able to silence him for a short period, he ultimately would not give up teaching and publishing his Copernican views. In order to maintain power, the Church was forced to call him before the Holy Inquisition, which ultimately forced him to recant.

The actors in the play, like many of Brecht's actors , were vehicles for ideas and concepts. In fact, actors in Brecht's plays have been known to read directly from a script in order to emphasize this point. Ruben Ortiz, who played Cardinal Bellarmine, remarked, "The nuns singing about what was going to happen in the next scene is very Brechtian."

Junior Tade Reen, who played Mr. Matti, further explained Brechtian drama, "[The audience] is supposed to see that we are actors. [The actors] are supposed to keep you aware that you are watching a play." He continued, "It is a little more cut and dry than doing an Arthur Miller play. . ."

Although the actors serve as vehicles, this does not decreases the importance of good acting, and the stage was certainly overflowing with good Brechtian actors, who learned the skill through their course work here at Muhlenberg.

Studying the Brechtian style and performing it are two different things, however. Hope Curry, who played Mrs. Sarti explained, "I've never done it before. It was a little difficult for me personally, because it wasn't modern acting; it was more classical. That was the biggest jump for me."

As one of the leads, Curry also reaped great benefits from working closely with John Ramsey. "He taught me," Curry commented, "to do what you love." She continued, "Everything he does, he does because he loves theater."

In addition to learning about Brechtian acting, the actors, also had to study Galileo's life and work in order to deliver a better performance. Reen commented, "It's an actor's job. . . Everyone went out and learned what they had to."

This was quite obvious. All of the actors appeared well researched and many of the performances stood out, including those of William Von Roth III, Ian Alderman, John Moletress, Josh Sigal, and Ken Baldino, among others. The numerous children who frequented the stage as well as the all women's choir were also assets to the production.

The intricate scenery and impressive lighting schemes also set the mood for the play which was set in the 1600's. Brendan Pilder, one of the master electricians commented, "The set was more unconventional. It was not a typical box set. Everything was very open. We didn't hide the lights or anything." He continued, "We wanted the play to speak [for itself]."

Because everything was out in the open, however, Pilder and others needed "to make sure that it didn't look unorganized."

Between the cast and the crew, over sixty Muhlenberg students worked on Galileo. Many gave up their spring break to rehearse.

Curry described rehearsing and performing *Galileo* as "a very unifying,scommunity-like experience." She continued, "Everyone did an excellent job with what they were given." No one could have said it any better!

**Seniors**

Register for the Senior Ball until April 15th in Seegers Union or Call Melissa (x4439)

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*Dear Betty and Bonnie,*

*I like this girl, but i don't know if she likes me. What the hell can I do?*

*Signed,*
*Lovely in New West*

*P.s. Answer this, this week!! Thanks.*

**Dear Lovely in New West,**

**Well this is definitely a dilemna that you must think through We are glad you wrote to us and will try to help you in any way possible. Have you shown her any signs that you like her? If you show her that you like her, than maybe shw would like you back. Love does not just happen like magic. In order to make it work, someone needs to show the other person a sign of affection. Drop a note or something special, just to let her know that you are thinking about her. Just remember that she is no mind reader.**

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Remember, if you have a question for Betty and Bonnie, drop your letter off in the box on the front desk in Seegers Union, slide it under the door of the Weekly office in the basement of ML, or leave a message on the Weekly's machine x3187.

# Your *Weekly* Horoscope

## by Amanda Hudson

### Aries

It looks like you've been getting involved with things that don't concern you again—what's the deal?

It does no good to get involved with other people's concerns just because you have none of your own. You have plenty to offer, so why don't you find something to do with your time that directly involves you?Spend your long weekend giving other people stuff to gossip about! Some rules of kindergarten still apply—don't cut in the lunch line, and no one likes tattletales.

### Taurus

So you're having a pretty amazing week…spring has been doing good things for you and you're feeling on top of the world.

This would be a good week to start on a project you've been putting off, or to make an effort with a friend you've lost touch with. Everyone is loving you this week, so it would be a great time to think about rekindling an old flame. All of your extra energy is rubbing off on others, so go with it!

### Gemini

Feeling a little out of sorts? It's a good week for Geminis to lay low, since you're going to feel like tearing into people for no reason over the next few days.

Be careful not to make any public scenes if a cashier gives you the wrong change or improperly bags your groceries. You're feeling a little stressed and you may feel like handling it inappropriately—try to resist, and you should be feeling like your old mellow self again next week.

### Cancer

Ok, so you're bored. You're tired of your mundane routine and ready to move on to something new—or maybe to just stir things up a bit.

Be careful of making any drastic decisions without thinking them through, summer is just a few weeks away and you will have plenty of time to experience something different for a while.

For now, look for little changes you can make without rocking the boat too badly. It's a bad week to dump your significant other or decide to tell your roommate how you've really been feeling about him lately.

### Leo

Leos might be having a pretty bad time of it lately. If it seems like things couldn't possibly get worse, you're probably right, and things should be looking up soon.

You've made it this far and you're to be commended for handling it with grace, squelching that Leo pride just a little bit. If you're single, romantic opportunities come out of the woodwork in the next few days.

It may be that they are attracted to that forlorn look you've had lately, but go with it anyway. Be on the lookout. Attached? Be sure to tell your sweetie how much he or she means to you this week. They deserve it.

### Virgo

It seems that someone has taken notice of your greatness and the rest of us know that it is about time! Stop being the shoulder your friends cry on and focus on you.

This is just the lift you needed, regardless of the outcome of this particular venture. Take your newfound confidence and go with it—let others continue to take notice.

This is not a weekend to stay in or undertake any major work, focus on enjoying yourself and showing the world how fabulous you are!

### Libra

All right Libra, it's time to let go of the old and move on to the new. Spring is here and the planets say there is no better time for you to explore something different. Something has been in the back of your mind for a while and you know you want to try it, so what's stopping you? Step out of your stale little world and take a walk on the wild side, for once. If you don't like it, you can always go back to your old ways—but you owe it to yourself to try.

### Scorpio

You're ready to move on to bigger and better things, that's obvious to everyone around you. True to form, you've lost interest in the way your life is going now. Your attention can't be held by the mundane and you realize this, so go with your instincts and ignore the advice of the masses. It's time to find something that (or who?) truly stimulates you, and you need to go out and fight for it. You've been backing down lately and it's not going to help you get what you want.

### Sagittarius

If someone in your life is driving you crazy this week, try to take it with a grain of salt. He or she needs someone to lean on and it will eventually pass—keep in mind how you would feel if you were in their positi Spend some time with a family member who misses you this weekend and feel free to vent about your feelings. They'll love to pamper you with the attention you want right now, tell them you're feeling needy.

### Capricorn

You generally walk to the beat of a different drummer, and it's paying off this week in something you've been working on. Recognize your talents! It's time to start getting yourself out into the real world, as much as you've been trying to deny this to yourself. Look for possible connections and start networking. You have too much to offer to keep yourself hidden because you're afraid of failure or just plain lazy. If you're close to graduation, make sure you're really doing something that makes you happy. If you have some time, find yourself a fabulous summer job that makes you feel important and boosts your confidence.

### Aquarius

You're all about romance this week. If you're single, something is looming—an old crush may still have interest, or you may be in for a spring fling this weekend. Don't be afraid to go a little wild—just be prepared and brush your teeth. If you're attached, things start to heat up with your steady flame—and you're reminded why you love the one you're with. Feel free to avoid the masses and spend some time doing outdoor couple things, or at least find time to take a walk together.

### Pisces

Have you been letting something major slide since the sun has arrived? A couple of days were fine, but it's time to accept Spring's arrival and come back to reality—you still have more to do and your professors are probably starting to miss you in class. Try to stay focused for another few weeks, and then you can take a break from the books for a while. You'll be glad you did.

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# Greek sponsored Lip Sync Contest a success

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Students actually had an enjoyable time in the Garden Room last Friday night.

Impossible, you say? Quite the contrary...

The Panhel sponsored Lip Sync contest drew an encouragingly large crowd of on-lookers who were treated t o a night of hilarity.

Junior ATO brother, Josh Northridge, effectively warmed up the crowd, sharing jokes, anecdotes, and original songs with his fellow students.

After Northridge's antics, Director of Student Activities Becky Grace and Coordinator of Greek Affairs Brian Mauro, donned costumes, performing Sonny and Cher's "I GotYou Babe."

What followed evoked explosive and continuous laughter. Each fraternity and sorority compiled an act, unafraid to dress up and act crazy.

Phi Mu girls re-enacted the oldie "Leader of the Pack," AEPi entertained with the Kiss hit "I Wanna Rock and Roll," TKE brothers swayed to the Neil Diamond favorite "Sweet Caroline" and Delta Zeta became the Spice Girls with "Wannabe."

Members of ATO shocked, amused and impressed all when they stripped down to their "tighty whities" in honor of the British film *The Full Monty*.

AXO took 3rd place in the competition for their rousing and provocative rendition of Salt-n-Pepa's "Push It."

Phi Sig went home after winning second place for performing "Hanky Panky" by Madonna from the *Dick Tracy* soundtrack.

And the coveted first place title went to SPE, who in the spirit of the musical film's revival presented "Greased Lightning."

Not only was a good time had by all, but Panhel also managed to raise approximately $300 for the African Cradle, an adoption agency which places Ethiopian children.

Holly Degnan an organizer of the event was "thrilled by the turnout. We hoped that it would be well supported, but no one thought that it would be this well received."

"The Lip Sync Contest exemplified what Greek Week is supposed to be," said Ayla Tezel. "This was the most positive change to the week."

# Letters to the Editor

## Loud Students Annoy Brown Resident

A Tuesday Night, all is quiet in Brown Hall. Almost everyone is sitting in their rooms studying and perhaps watching a little TV. Then the chanting begins. Drumming and a rowdy bunch of guys yelling "Second Floor Walz" begins promptly at 11 P.M. Hmmm...let me think, 11 P.M. Isn't that when quiet hours begin? To those of you who love the festivities—that's great. Enjoy yourself, have a blast. But do it before quiet hours. Brown is not just a dorm, it is my residence during the school year and there are rules and regulations that are established for a good reason. weeknights are work nights (since school is currently my occupation), I had an exam the next morning—how disruptive, obnoxious, and inconsiderate are those who feel that celebrating on Tuesday night in front of a residence hall is okay because it is St. Patrick's Day. I rise at an early hour in the morning—how would you "chanters" feel if I decided to blast my music and chant loudly in front of your window at 7:30 A.M.? Second Floor Walz, next time take into consideration the time and day of the week it is before commencing your male bonding rituals.

A Brown Hall Resident

## Former Treasurer Comments on Article

To the Muhlenberg Community-

Speaking as a senior and former Student Council Treasurer, I would like to take this, one of my last opportunities, to respond to Larry Carney's editorial in last week's edition of *The Weekly*. I want to thank Larry for all his kind words of praise and encouragement for Student Council. As you may know, Council and *The Weekly* have had their rough spots. But things are looking up. I know Student Council will be sorry to see Larry leave as Editor-in-Chief of *The Weekly*. This year's *Weekly* has soared to new heights of quality and accurate reporting. This is completely due to Larry Carney. I know we have appreciated his time commitment, cooperation, thoroughness for details, respect, his ability to dish it out as well as take it, and of course his sweet and unbiased nature. I will be sorry to see him leave our prized paper in this capacity. It's been a pleasure working with him. Good luck to the next Editor-in-Chief of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. April Fools!

Sincerely,
Lauren Ravit

***Editor's Note: Mr. Carney was so moved by Ms. Ravit's letter that he has decided to stay on for another semester.***

## *Weekly* Columnist Submits Resignation

To the Editor:

This is the last piece of writing that *The Muhlenberg Weekly* will ever see from me. To those of you who always thought my column, "The World According to Me" lacked journalistic integrity or even thought it was moronic, be happy because you will not see it anymore. To those of you who told me that you enjoyed my articles in the past and said that sometimes they even made you laugh, I apologize that I can not continue writing for this school's newspaper.

There is one reason that I am quitting my column. *The Muhlenberg Weekly* has altered my story on at least two occasions without telling me, the most recent incident occurring two weeks ago on my story about the Titanic. They changed two parts in the middle of my column. I'm not going to tell you what was changed for fear that when I submit this, it will be done away with anyway. Be assured that it was not vulgar or obscene in any way. The other time my article was altered was a couple of weeks ago when they simply added on line to the end. My guess is that it was done in order to fill space one the page, which is fine, but don't you think they could have called me and said "We need one more sentence," instead of thinking one up all by themselves. The first incident bothered me a little, but this latest occurrence left me fuming. If they were going to alter two sentences in the middle of the story, why didn't they tell me? This is my article, this is not a group project.

I don't mind *The Weekly* proofreading my story. In fact, I hope that when I hand something in, somebody with better English and grammar skills than I looks through it before it goes to the printer. I never really read my articles previous to this when they were published because I wrote them and just figured they were the same as when I submitted them. To those of you who write for the *Weekly*, or just submit articles from time to time, please check when they appear in the paper that they are the way you intended.

Josh Northridge

***Editor's Note: In acordance with the Muhlenberg Weekly editorial policy,* The Weekly *reserves the right to edit any and all stories for length, content and grammar as long as the overall tone of the story remains unchanged.***

## Easter Monday Classes Questioned (Again)

To the Muhlenberg Administration:

It's that time of year again. I will now reiterate what I said last year. It is a gross miscarriage of justice that we are forced to travel back to school on the Holiest day of our religious calandar.

It really bothers me that my family and many other Muhlenberg families are forced to cut short Easter Dinner just so our school can get those precious Monday classes in. Nevermind the fact that for so many other religious holidays, we seemingly bend over backwards to accomodate students celebrating these days. Our families get precious few opportunities to see us during the academic year, and to cut back these times to accomodate classes is simply inconsiderate.

This may sound petty and insignificant, but it matters to many of the students at Muhlenberg. The Christian students especially would appreciate some form of administrative action on this holiday. Until this happens, we will be traveling insteading of spending time with our families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Koup '99

# Grandmothers Meet Beasts

The View From 2400 Chew
by Ellen Gerber
Asst. Entertainment Editor

There are so many great things about going to college that is a short distance from your home. One of them is that you don't have to lose touch with your family. And, once my father put a rest to the surprise visits, which happened at the most inopportune times that it was almost eerie, I could relax and actually invite family members up to Muhlenberg to show them where I have been residing for the past two years.

After a year and a half of making and breaking plans to bring my grandmothers to Muhlenberg, the long-awaited visit finally transpired. Last week, my parents brought both of my grandmothers here to see the campus and to spend some time with their favorite granddaughter. After hearing story after story about how much fun I was having at college, they arrived. The first thing they wanted to see, of course, was my room. So I walked them to East Hall, and as we stood before the imposing dormitory, they could not help but comment on its dilapidated state, in comparison to its counterpart, Martin Luther Hall. I tried to explain to them that East Hall has a history behind it. "It's not *old*," I assured them, "it's an antique." They weren't buying it.

I opened the door to East Hall and walked them up two flights of stairs, making sure to hold onto them each step of the way, literally, as many of the steps are actually missing chunks of concrete. After our slow ascension up two flights (about 25 minutes), we arrived on the second floor, and the cream walls shone and the carpeted hallway leading to my room was as clean as ever. We really do have nice hallways over here. Anyway, I opened the door to my room and my grandmothers' mouths dropped. My Bubby (Yiddish for grandmother) looked around and said, "Well, they say you can get used to anything." Now I am not sure if she was referring to the size (4 X 6), the mess (no floor space) or the crowded wall space (we have a lot of posters) but I am assuming it was a combination of all of the above.

"You can get used to anything," she said. Yes, it took a really long time to get used to leaving my clothes on the floor. And not making my bed—that took at least a semester to get used to. It took even longer to get used to leaving all of my drawers open as opposed to taking the extra step and closing them each time I need an article of clothing. Piling all of my junk really high on my desk instead of putting it away was yet another thing to which I was forced to acclimate myself. Oh, and being able to leave all my shoes on the floor without being yelled at—That was really a struggle to become accustomed to.

As much as I love my Bubby and her daughter, my mother, they are both obsessive-compulsive neat freaks. I never thought that their compulsion could bring about any good other than a completely "Windexed" and dust-free home. But it has. It has shown me that I can live in a shoebox that breeds "eastie-beasties"—yes, we have our very own specie of bug over here—and still be happy. It has shown me that I can live in a room that provides no storage space, let alone walking space and still be happy. It has shown me that there really must be something magical about Muhlenberg, as a school that keeps me smiling. After all, who needs a perfectly clean, spacious room to be perfectly happy? Not I. Muhlenberg and me make a great pair. Hell, with my habits and the lack of living space the school provides, we almost complement each other.

### *Editorial Policy*

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# What Happened to the Swing in the Quad?

Two weekends ago a swing was erected in a tree between Martin Luther and East Halls. The swing was promptly removed by Campus Safety the morning post placement. I spoke Tuesday morning with the gentlemen whose original brainchild this swing was. Mr. Samuel Sonstein and Mr. Marcus Kent (both from the class of '64) first thought of the idea when they were students here during the sexual revolution known as the sixties. This indicates that the pleasurable notion of swinging has been on the minds of countless college students of old. If they thought of it thirty years ago and it's still on the minds of current students, then it seems to have been there all along. The actual idea has been present for over three decades, but the event actually took place only two weeks ago. This pleasing notion of swinging is representative of the ongoing struggle in the minds of Muhlenberg College students past and present. The struggle between ones unconscious id, superego, and ego.

The id-ones unconscious, subliminal sex drives-is the instinctual urge to engage in sexual behavior all the time. The superego, played by Campus Safety, is the area of ones mind dedicated to other urges such as hunger, shelter, or clothing. The balance between wanting to have sex all the time and an anxiety over everything else, including having sex all the time, is kept by ones ego. The ego is a constant sign of the ongoing struggle that controls the two polarities of ones

**Worlds Apart**
**by Dylan Lane**
***Weekly* Columnist**

subconscious. Our ego is reflected in our daily actions, says the erection of a swing possibly. Subconscious sexual urges from one's id, the anxieties of ones superego are both filtered through ones ego, what comes out is a swing. The swing is a phallic symbol of our primal sexual urges manifest in its design and the pleasurable feelings associated with it. The swing is a symbol of what students would like to do all the time but, for socially inappropriate reasons, can't. It's accurate reflection of subconscious sex drives is apparent based on the number of swingers who enjoyed it.

I hesitate to say that one is wrong in swinging, I myself might have swung. If the Freudian interpretation I've just completed is exact, then the swing doesn't always need to be hung up for its implications to be observed. People sometimes just need to go through the proper [subconscious] channels of engagement so as not to be offensive, hurtful, or damaging to other people. I can't say for sure that every time a swing is erected it will be helpful or damaging, but in this case it wasn't.

What are other implications of this gesture, does this indicate that the sexual revolution isn't dead after all? All the red tape and bureaucracy that one has to go through in order to put up an official swing-is this better than doing it freelance? These things are merely my own opinions and do not reflect those of my interviewees. I wonder, is Campus Safety doing its job? Has anyone else tried, but failed to visit Northridge's website?

# Student Advisor Selection Scam

**by George Saitta**
**Assistant Opinion Editor**

This week's article is basically a look at "politics." No, I am not referring to elections for student body president or class officers. However, the focus of this article is a type of politics, which undermines the term ***ethics***.

Did you apply to be a student advisor? Truthfully, the selection process, used in selecting the pool of student advisors for the Class of 2002, was the least bit ethical. In fact, I found it to be a real disgrace. Yes, a real big disgrace!

Whether you were selected or not to be a student advisor for the Class of 2002, I want you to know that the selection process was totally falsified. Let me quote from the letter, which was sent to all rejected candidates, "We had to choose from a large pool of qualified applicants…"

Wait a minute, somehow I think this line has to be rephrased. It's perjury; it's a lie! The line should read something like, "Originally, we had to choose from a large pool of qualified applicants; however, those who we thought would submit applications did not submit applications. So we called our favorites on the phone (two weeks after the deadline) and asked them to submit an application." Of course, these quasi-candidates were not refused a position as student advisor. Is this really ethical? Is this what Muhlenberg College is all about?

Uniquely, I have concrete proof that this what went on behind the scenes. If you are an applicant who actually put some effort into your application, I feel sorry. If you went to your interview dressed-up nice and looking professional, I feel sorry. Honestly, if you are a person who was not selected, your were scammed! In addition, you certainly should not consider yourself unqualified for the position.

Let's consider the selection committee. Unless you are an expert on personality theory, those of you who sit on the committee are "**NOT QUALIFIED!**" Pretty nice, isn't it; please, let me know how you rationalize someone being qualified enough. Honestly, it will thrill me.

Now, you can understand why you waited an extra three weeks to receive a letter of rejection or reception into the so-called student advisor groupies!

# Fan Appreciation Days!

**Muhlenberg College will be holding three special "Fan Appreciation Days" (one day and two nights, actually) in the next few weeks. The purpose of these events is to promote the Muhlenberg spring teams and the sports they play. In addition to the listed prizes that will be given away, there are sure to be more fun and surprises.**

**Thursday, April 16**
**Lacrosse vs. Susquehanna, 4:00 on the soccer field**
*** Two Brine lacrosse sticks**
*** Team shorts and t-shirts**
*** Muhlenberg athletics warmup suit**
*** College women's lacrosse yearbook (The Draw)**
*** Lacrosse bumper stickers**
*** Halftime throwing contest**

**Monday, April 20**
**Softball vs. Messiah, 6:00 doubleheader at Pates Park**
*** Team t-shirts**
*** Passes to The Hitter's Edge (batting cage in Whitehall)**
*** NCAA Record Book**
*** Muhlenberg softball jacket**
*** U.S. Olympic team souvenirs**
*** National Fastpitch Coaches Association shirts and bags**
*** Between-games hitting contest**

**Wednesday, April 22**
**Baseball vs. Moravian, 5:00 doubleheader at Bicentennial Park**
*** Team t-shirts**
*** 2 tickets to June 1 Yankees-White Sox game**
*** 2 tickets to a 1998 Philadelphia Phillies game**
*** 2 pairs of tickets to a 1998 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons game**
*** Book of 12 tickets to 1998 Reading Phillies games**
*** 1997 Philadelphia Phillies yearbook**
*** Baltimore Orioles stickers**
*** USA Baseball t-shirts**
*** Year's subscription to Collegiate Baseball**
*** American Baseball Coaches Association portfolio**

# Baseball team splits doubleheader at W. Maryland, loses heart-breaker to Dickinson

## *Pitching still a problem for 5-17 Mules*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg baseball team has lost seven of their last eight games, dropping their season record to 5-17, 2-7 in Centennial Conference play.

On Saturday the Mules traveled to Western Maryland for a doubleheader, and split the twin bill with the Green Terror.

In the first game, junior Marc Lezinski pitched a complete game to record his fourth win of the season. Lezinski recorded nine strikeouts in the win.

The Mules pounded out fifteen hits, including four by sophomore Chris Moriatis. Freshman Paul Luongo had three hits of his own, including a triple.

For the second time this season senior Steve Faella tied a school record by getting hit with three pitches. Faella broke the school single-season record with 14 HBP's later that day.

Muhlenberg lost the second game 14-5. Faella had three hits, and freshman Garret Pachtinger had two doubles.

The Mules then traveled to Dickinson Tuesday night, and suffered a heartbreaking loss,4-3. Freshman Seth Weinstein pitched for the Mules, and turned in a stellar performance.

Weinstein scattered four hits and recorded five strikeouts in a complete game effort.

The Mules got on the board with three unearned runs, and led 3-0 after three innings. Unfortunately, Dickinson fought back, and took the game 4-3.

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Pachtinger went 2-4 with a double and an RBI in the loss.

Nine out of Muhlenberg's next thirteen games come against Centennial Conference opponents. The Mules need to step up the pitching game, (12.71 team ERA compared to opponents' 5.63), if they want to finish the season anywhere near .500.

# Softball team 10-11, 6-2 in Centennial Conference

## *Sophomore Heather Dreby leads team with 4-1 record and 2.16 ERA*

**by George Lutz**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

After an inauspicious start to the season, the Muhlenberg College softball team has picked up the pace and has managed to move into fourth place in the Centennial Conference.

Unable to put the runs on the board, they got out of the gates slowly, losing ten of their first fourteen contests.

The obvious problem was that they averaged fewer than two runs of offense per outing in these fourteen games.

It seems that the team has gotten over the hump. The Lady Mules have won six of their last seven games, including a six-game winning streak against their Centennial Conference foes, and are now just one game under .500.

In this stretch they have swept doubleheaders against Washington College, Haverford, and most recently against the Lady Diplomats of Franklin & Marshall.

Leading the way during this seven game surge has been the strong pitching of sophomore Heather Dreby, and freshman Kelly Woodcock.

Dreby, the work horse of the staff, has been very successful thus far. In the first game of the F & M doubleheader, she threw her Centennial Conference-leading tenth complete game and struck out six en route to a 6-2 victory.

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| **F & M** | **2** |

She also came back in the nightcap to throw four no-hit innings and earn her eighth win of the season. Dreby has a sparkling 4-1 record within the conference, to go with her 2.16 overall ERA.

Woodcock has also fit in nicely as a starter, yielding only two runs in her last two decisions - both of which she has won.

The offense, which is now hitting on all cylinders, has been led throughout the season by captain Liz Billie. Billie is leading the team with a .462 batting average, and 14 RBI.

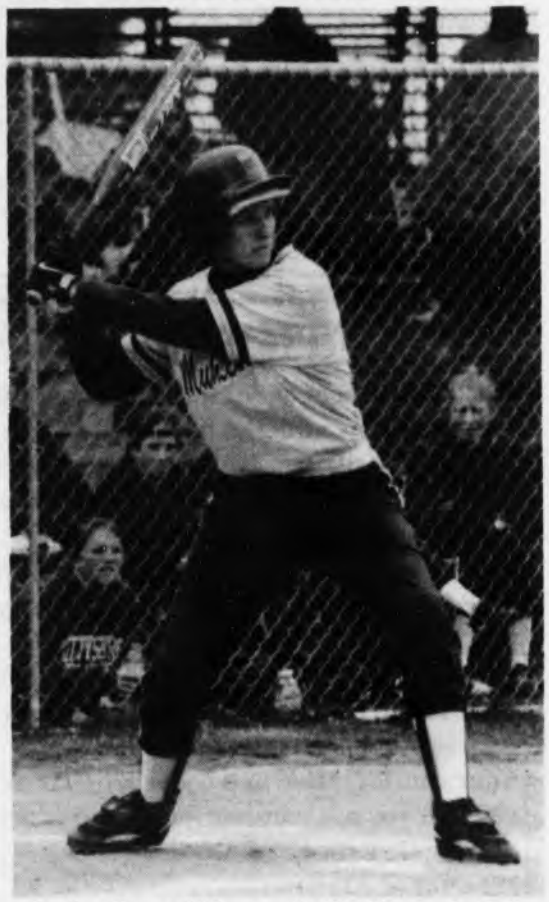
Juniors Jackie Vanderstreet and Shelly Markowitz, who are both hitting .400 in conference play, have been two other key ingredients in the teams' recent offensive success.

Erin Zimmerman has also turned it up a notch in conference play and is hitting a cool..429 at the plat with a .524 slugging percentage.

Zimmerman attributes the team's success to "more confident hitting, along with more consistency on defense."

She agrees with Woodcock when it comes to the team goals of "playing good all-around softball, and winning the Conference Championship."

The Lady Mules hope to continue their winning ways today in a doubleheader against an excellent Western Maryland team.



***Junior Carey Hilton waits for the next pitch***

# Under Siege

**A weekly column exploring the problems of professional sports**

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

There is something preventing J.D. Drew from accepting reality. Maybe it's his agent. Maybe he just has delusions of grandeur.

Any way you look at it, the Philadelphia Phillies' number one draft pick needs to wake up from dream land.

Drew, the 1997 collegiate player of the year, who is demanding the outlandish sum of $11 million, has refused to sign with the Phillies for anything less.

*Where will J.D. Drew end up?*

The current high-mark for draft pick salaries is a little over $2.5 million given to last year's # 1 pick, Detroit Tiger Matt Anderson. Drew is demanding over five times that amount.

These demands are coming from a young man who has never had a professional at-bat. Drew is projected to be a major star talent, though. Last summer in the Independent Northern League, Drew played for the St. Paul Saints, and hit .341 with 18 home runs in only 44 games.

The St. Paul Saints are a far cry from even Double-A minor league baseball.

And now Drew's childish 'I'll hold my breath until you to give in" ploy has caught the attention, and anger, of current major leaguers.

Mark Parent, a 20-year veteran of professional baseball, recently spoke out against Drew's decision to hold out.

"That's the key thing—you don't earn [a high salary] until you're in the game. And J.D. Drew's not in the game. Not yet. Not for us. You have to sign a contract to be in the game."

Parent's sentiments are shared by many of his teammates. Other Phillies, including Curt Schilling and Lenny Dykstra, have spoken out publicly against Drew.

It seems like a universal sentiment among players that Drew should sign the contract the Phillies are offering, prove himself to be the future Hall-of-Famer everyone thinks he will turn into, and then cash in on the big bucks.

And it's not like the Phillies are offering Drew yeoman's wages.

The latest offer Dave Mongomery and Ed Wade, Phillies front office officials, have presented to Drew is a hefty one. $2.6 million signing bonus. A minor league contract for $3 million, including the bonus. With all incentives factored in, the deal has the potential to earn Drew $6 million, over half the $11 million he is requesting.

The deal would be the largest ever given to a draft pick.

And Drew turned it down.

It seems unlikely that the Phillies will sign Drew before May 24th, at which time he will re-enter the amateur draft.

The Phillies currently hold the first overall pick in that draft?

Will they re-draft Drew? Will anyone draft him knowing his demands? Perhaps some team with unlimited pockets, like the Yankees or Dodgers, but if they do, they'd be making a mistake.

J.D. Drew can't hold his breath forever.

## ATHLETICS FIELDS SCHEDULING

**The Department of Athletics is attempting to both maximize the use of the new athletics fields and ensure their longevity. These fields currently consist of very young turf and it will take a few years before the turf is mature enough to be able to withstand heavier use.**

**We are asking all students and campus organizations to please schedule in advance with the athletic department any use of these new fields so that we can stay within the number of seasonal uses recommended by the turf company that installed the fields. One impromptu touch football game on a wet field can cause severe damage to this facility.**

**Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated. Please call x3380 if you are considering using these fields. Thank you.**
**Stephen P. Erber**
**Director of Athletics**

# Lacrosse team winless at 0-8

***Lack of offense leaves Lady Mules still searching for first win***

**by Eric Hilderbrand**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The girls lacrosse team was unable to earn its first win in last week's games. The Lady Mules were defeated by Western Maryland and East Stoudsburg University, dropping their record to 0-8.

The team's largest problem is the difference between their shooting percentage and that of their opponents.

In the East Stoudsburg game, the Lady Mules had only 7 goals off 31shots (22%) as opposed to ESUs 17 goals off of 24 shots (70%).

Muhlenberg performed no better against Western Maryland. The Mules scored 6 goals off 21 shots (28%) to Western Maryland's 19 goals off of 30 shots (63%).

The team is led junior Katie Kenny, who has 18 goals and 7 assists so far this season.

Junior Allyson Crooks is also a team leader with 10 goals and 1 assist thus far. With all of the losses, the team still has not given up hope.

"We are off to a slow start, but we are a growing team. If we play with the amount of heart that we have played with so far, we can win games." Crooks said.

Those thoughts were also echoed by head coach Laurie Kerr.

"The girls are playing with a lot of heart, we are not being out-hustled by anyone."

Kerr also noted the team's youth as a problem that is being overcome with each game.

"The team is beginning to realize that they need to make better decisions," Kerr commented, "we're learning that we need to play 60 intense minutes [of lacrosse]."

The Womens Lacrosse team will be at home on Thursday, April 16th against Susquehanna, game time is at 4:00 pm.

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# Profile of a Mule: Katie Kenny

by Steve Faella
*Weekly* columnist

Some players come into college with all kinds of expectations surrounding them. Others are completely unknown. Many of these unknowns turn out to be stars of their respective sports.

Muhlenberg has had plenty of players come through that were not recruited. However, only a few of them have proved to be a star. Katie Kenny is one of those rags to riches stories.

She is a junior attack for the school's lacrosse team.

Although she was never recruited to play here, she has developed into one of the top scorers in the Centennial Conference.

Katie hails from Chatham, New Jersey. She first began "cradling" and scoring when she was a freshman at Chatham High School.

"We were a decent team, usually finishing in the top three of the league, but always being competitive."

Her years at Chatham earned her 1st team All-Conference honors, as well as All-League Honorable Mention. When graduation passed, Katie decided to attend Muhlenberg in the fall.

"I liked the school when I visited. The academics were very good, and the proximity to home made it an easy choice."

When lacrosse season began, Katie decided to try out as a walk-on. (This is someone who was not recruited to play a sport.) Not only did she make the team, she became a vital component.

As the years have passed, she has become the team's "go to" player. It was not as easy as it seems though.

"Adjusting was difficult at first. The level of play is much quicker at the college level."

Katie received some help to make things easier. "My teammates and especially the coaches made things go a lot smoother."

Katie has seen changes in the program. While the team may be struggling right now, she believes the program has improved.

"Things have definitely gotten better here. The level of play from our team has been raised throughout the years. We have improved and have brought in better players each year. The team this year is much more unified than it has ever been."

It is easy to see that the Lady Mules are just inches away from being a competitive team in our conference.

"We are still rebuilding or building up, but I think we will get better each game."

Katie has blossomed into a great player. She has become one of the most feared players in the conference. She has received the recognition for it too.

She was named to the Second Team All-Centennial Conference as well as being named to the Conference's Honor Roll numerous times. She might be her hardest critic, though.

"I am very hard on myself because I push myself to achieve. I play at a highly aggressive level and I hold myself to this level each game."

Do not be so hard on yourself! You have proven that you are one of the best to play here.

# Women's tennis team beats Rutgers

## *Lady Mules raise record to 3-5, 1-5 in Centennial Conference*

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* Staff Writer

At home, in the opening match against Rutgers University, senior and Captain Julia Hensley trailed five games to one in the first set. Things were not looking good, but Hensley was determined not to lose. She rallied and forced a tiebreak. The momentum seemed to be shifting back to Muhlenberg. And then, Hensley fell behind in the tiebreak, 4-1. Once again, things looked bleak.

But the Captain allowed her opponent only one more point, and totally dominated the tiebreak, going on to win 7-5, a huge comeback after being down five games to one.

As often happens after a mettle-testing struggle, the Hero Victorious has achieved the moment of apotheosis, and has become undefeatable. In the next set Hensley totally dominated, winning 6-0, to claim the match and take the first of many points for Muhlenberg that afternoon.

The match was an apt metaphor for the season thus far. While they got off to a great start smashing Kutztown University, the Mules on the Varsity Tennis team struggled through their next matches, until finally starting to turn things around again with a solid victory against Centennial Conference rival Washington College on April 4th. The victory against Rutgers followed on the 6th.

Head Coach Linda Andrews attributes her team's turnaround to the devotion and diligence of her players. "They're working hard and playing well," she said, "it's a team effort."

Recently, it has been the entire team that dominates their opponents; the win against Washington came from a solid 7-2 score, and the win against Rutgers resulted from a crushing 8-1 blowout. Only two of the Rutgers matches went to a third set, and most sets were won by Muhlenberg 6-0 or 6-1.

Two freshman standouts have been consistently strong throughout the season. Kerri Waldowski's superb play has made her the team leader in singles victories with her record of 6 wins and one defeat.

The one defeat came in her collegiate debut against Gettysburg in March; since then she has enjoyed an unbroken string of victories. Her success has moved her up from the sixth position to the fourth.

The second freshman, Marissa Lutzer is next with a season record of five wins and one defeat. Since starting in the opener against Kutztown, Lutzer has lost only three sets. She is currently on a four-game win streak.

Doubles play, a strength of last year's squad, has returned as well. While Coach Andrews has done some experimenting this season to find the right combinations, in the past two matches the newly-made duos of Waldowski and Lutzer and sophomores Kris Cahayla and Julia Beyer have proven tremendously successful, taking victories by overwhelming margins.

The Mules have survived the most grueling part of the season, a two-week middle section of matches every other day, leaving little time for rest. Despite a shaky start, Muhlenberg is now poised to make a statement in the conference as each of their remaining games is against a Centennial opponent.

**Want up to the minute Muhlenberg sports info? Call the 24-hour sports hotline at 821-FISH.**

## ON TAP WITH THE MULES

**BASEBALL:**
Fri. 4/10 home vs. Dickinson @ 3:30
Tue. 4/14 at Swarthmore

**SOFTBALL:**
Thur. 4/9 home vs. Western Maryland @ 3:00
Tue. 4/14 at Elizabethtown

**GOLF:**
Mon. 4/13 home vs. F & M @ 1:00
Tue. 4/14 at Scranton

**LACROSSE:**
Tue. 4/14 at Swarthmore
Thur. 4/16 home vs. Susquehana @ 4:00

**MEN'S TENNIS:**
Thur. 4/9 at Albright
Thur. 4/16 home vs. Moravian @ 3:00

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:**
Tue. 4/14 home vs. Swarthmore @ 3:30
Sat. 4/18 at Johns Hopkins

**TRACK & FIELD:**
Sat. 4/18 at Messiah

# Golf Team Wins Two Tournaments

## *All five Mule golfers shoot under 80 in Gettysburg Invitational*

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg golf team competed recently in the Moravian Spring Invitational Tournament against 21 other colleges and universities, and came away with a first place finish.

Muhlenberg shot a team score of 304, four strokes better than second-place finisher, College of New Jersey.

Sophomore Matt Deibert led the tournament with a round of 74. The other Mule golfers placing were Matt Berman (76), Scott Olex (77), and Matt Skilton (77). Olex shot an outstanding 32 on the back nine.

The impressive tournament win was the second on the season for the Mules. Earlier in the year they defeated F & M, Swarthmore, and 1997 Centennial Conference co-champion Ursinus. Freshman Matt Berman had the low score for the tournament with a 79.

Muhlenberg followed up the win at Moravian with its second first-place finish in five days at the Gettysburg Invitational.

The Mules had a team score of 309, two shots better than York College. All five Mules put up scores under 80, with senior Scott Olex leading the way with 76. Matt Deibert shot a 77, and Matt Berman and James Tulli each shot a round of 78.

According to Sports Information Director Mike Falk, this is the first time in Muhlenberg history that all five Mule golfers recorded scores under 80.

Freshman Matt Berman was optimistic about the season. "The team is doing great," Berman said. "We're expected to win a lot more. We're one of the best teams in our division."

When asked about what improvements are needed, Berman had a hard time narrowing it down. "We're all playing well," Berman said. "We just need to have more consistent scoring, and we need to improve our putting."

The Mules are poised to repeat as Centennial Conference Champions. "We have a good chance to win," Berman said. "I think we're expected to win the title again this year."

*(From left) Coach Chip Hurd, co-captain Rob Lobel, co-captain Scott Olex, Head Coach Jeff Tipping of the 1998 Muhlenberg golf team show off last year's Centennial Conference Championship trophy.*

# Men's Tennis team improves to 4-3

## *Strong play of freshmen Robby Richman and Adam Evans propel Mules to three straight wins*

**by Jonathan Tabak**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Although the men's tennis team had few bright spots during their initial matches of the season in March, the Mules seem to have gelled into a cohesive unit which has gone undefeated thus far in April.

Despite the fact that the Mules opened the spring season with the first shutout victory to begin a season since 1969, they struggled as a team the remainder of the month, dropping matches against Centennial Conference rivals Franklin & Marshall and Gettysburg, as well as out of conference foe Drew.

Thus far in April, the Mules have been a team possessed; it is clear that the mediocrity of the preliminary season has lit a fire under them with no indication of cooling down.

At this juncture in the season, it is quite clear that the Mules have benefited heavily from their employment of a youth movement; freshmen sensations Robby Richman and Adam Evans have regularly defeated consistently older opponents with no signs of timidity.

Richman, who has played every first singles match this season for the Mules, has been at the forefront of the team's charge through the month of April; he has not dropped a singles match since March 21 against a strong Gettysburg team.

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Though Head Coach Stacy Rowley was somewhat hesitant to do so at the onset of the spring season, he has experimented with the pairing of Richman and Evans as a doubles team during the past few matches with resoundingly positive results:

Richman and Evans currently hold a 2-0 record as a doubles team; only time will tell if the change will remain permanent over the duration of the season.

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| **Muhlenberg** | **6** |
| **Leb. Valley** | **0** |

Although the Mules began the season a rather uninspiring 1-3 and 0-2 in Centennial Conference play, they appear to have turned around 180 degrees for the better, currently standing at a very respectable 4-3 record with a 2-2 mark in their conference at the midpoint of this spring season.

The Mules will have the opportunity to better their Centennial Conference record when they face off with rival Dickinson on April 7.

Despite the disappointing beginning of the season, the Mules have surely proved that they are legitimate contenders to be reckoned with in the Centennial Conference.

This position will only continue to be strengthened with the furthering establishment of consistency over the remainder of the season.

***The Weekly* is currently searching for a freshman or sophomore to assume the position of Assistant Sports Editor, and to eventually become the next Sports Editor. Anyone interested should call *The Weekly* at x3187 or stop by the office in the basement of ML during office hours.**

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# Congressman Patrick Kennedy to speak at graduation

## *Massachusetts Democrat will address students free of charge as 'favor' to college*

**by Jodi Stark**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy has been chosen to address the Class of 1998 at their commencement on May 17.

Kennedy is a member of both the House National Security Committee and the House Resources Committee.

Kennedy is the youngest of three children and made the decision early to continue his family's tradition of public service.

Born in Brighton, Massachusetts, Kennedy is currently a resident of Providence, Rhode Island.

Reelected to Congress in November 1996 as the representative from the First District of Rhode Island, he received 70 percent of the votes, winning all twenty cities and towns in the district.

He attended Providence College in Rhode Island where he graduated with a degree in Social Science in 1991.

When elected to Congress in 1994, this Democrat was the youngest member serving in Congress. He is currently the second youngest member.

Kennedy was one of the House's strongest supporters of the new air quality standards which will improve the health of children and seniors suffering from asthma and respiratory illnesses.

He has also been a fervent opponent to Republican efforts to roll back the Clean Water Act provisions.

While supporting some initiatives to end illegal immigration, Kennedy is strongly opposed to legislation which punishes legal immigrants who are permanent taxpaying residents.

In 1997, Kennedy was a primary cosponsor of legislation which extended Supplemental Security Income benefits to legal immigrants.

He has also been one of the House's most outspoken critics of the effort to repeal the ban on assault weapons.

Kennedy gained national attention in March 1996 when he expressed outrage on the House floor during the debate on that issue, and is also a sponsor of several other bills which strengthen the gun control laws.

The process for picking a commencement speaker begins with faculty, staff and students nominating people for honorary degrees. These suggestions go to the President for approval and then to the Board of Trustees, at which they can also propose a name.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations spoke of the large prices that the speakers charge, sometimes as much as fifty thousand dollars.

Bruckner said, "We feel that if we are going to spend large sums of money, we would rather be putting it towards students services or helping to improve Muhlenberg's quality of education."

Kennedy is speaking free of charge as a favor to the college.

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# Faculty speaker eliminated from convocation

## *Many students & professors deem college's decision "unfortunate"*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Honors Convocation will not include the long-standing tradition of having a faculty speaker this year. This decision comes as a shock to some faculty as no formal announcement was made.

Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch claims that the ceremony had become so long and complicated that something had to be done for the comfort of the spectators at convocation.

Dretsch said, "It's a measure of expedience."

Members of the faculty and student body believe that the decision is a poor one.

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for the Ethics Dr. Christine Sistare said, "It's an unfortunate decision. If one wanted to eliminate something [from Honors Convocation], eliminating the most academic message of the day would not be the best choice."

Senior Matthew G. Steinhilber, who will be honored at convocation, agrees. "The faculty guide us throughout the entire year. In most cases, they are the ones selecting us for the awards. It's unfortunate that we do not hear from them in this ceremony," said Steinhilber.

"We're there because of how our professors influence us. They are our mentors," said senior Silvia Figel, who will also be honored at convocation.

Dretsch does point out that faculty will remain involved in the ceremony in another capacity. Each division will have a faculty representative to hand out awards. One of these representatives is Dr. Kathleen Harring, who will hand out awards for the social sciences.

Harring claims that the faculty was not made aware of the elimination of the faculty speaker.

She said, "I was asked to participate in Honors Convocation by handing out awards for social science students. I was not aware that we would not have a faculty speaker until you told me."

The College Marshall Ludwig Schlecht also claimed that he was not made aware of the deletion until he was told by *The Weekly*.

Harring also added, "If this is true, this is quite unfortunate. We have had some exceptional faculty speakers in the past."

She cited a past speech by the late Dr. Ann Wonsiewicz as truly inspirational.

More recently, Dr. Richard Niesenbaum and Dr. Kathryn Wixon stirred similar emotions.

"Many of my students and their parents truly appreciated the faculty message," Harring said.

Dretsch did say the decision to eliminate the faculty message is for this year only. "This is a tradition we don't want to lose."

But for now, anyway, the tradition is lost.

# College prepares to take ordinance to Supreme Court

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The war wages on between Muhlenberg College and the city of Allentown. Despite the Allentown Zoning Board's unanimous March 9th ruling to uphold the Overlay District adopted by City Council in October, the college continues to fight the law, citing its unconstitutionality.

On Monday, Muhlenberg appealed the Housing Overlay Ordinance to the Court of Common Pleas.

"It is a step by step process, and the brief [for the appeal] has been filed," said Muhlenberg College Planning and Administration Vice President Jim Steffy.

"The major test will be before the Court of Common Pleas," Muhlenberg counsel and former Lehigh County judge Maxwell Davidson has said.

Davidson and Muhlenberg College President Arthur Taylor have each threatened to fight the law all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

Last fall, cooperation between the city and college collapsed amidst finger-pointing between the two sides. Neighbors of the college were pushing for a legal remedy to off-campus student rentals, which they say have led to declining property values and rowdy late-night parties.

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# Nationline

complied by Jenny Lynn Knotek, Assistant News Editor

**New York City**—A 500-pound steel joint crashed in the stands of Yankee Stadium Monday. There were no injuries; the only real damage done was a crushed seat and a gouged six inch hole in the concrete. The Yankees will take the field at Shea Stadium, home of the Mets, for their game against the Angels on Wednesday.

**Philadelphia, Penn.**—The city unveiled a $55 million workfare program on Monday, one of the largest welfare-to-work programs in the nation. Known as the Greater Philadelphia Works, the program will be a model for other large cities with majority numbers of poor people facing federal and state welfare reforms which would cut the need they receive. Thirty-eight thousand Philadelphians, many single mothers, must find a job where they will work twenty hours a week by next March; otherwise they will lose their benefits. The Works includes job training, job placement centers, and wage subsidies.

**Charlottesville, Va.**—The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression handed out its annual "muzzle awards" in honor of the president's 255th birthday. Included in the eleven awards were Mayor Rudy Giuliani (who ordered a magazine ad mocking him to be removed from city buses) and Oklahoma City District Attorney Robert Macy (who seized videotapes of the foreign film The Tin Drum as child pornography).

**Washington, D.C.**—The Immigration and Naturalization Service swore in seventy five children as United States citizens on Monday. The children, from fifteen different countries, took the oath as part of Children's Citizenship Day.

**Across the nation**—A study says that there are too many primary-care physicians in the United States. Medical students have been switching from specialist to generalist residencies because there is a surplus of specialists.

**Eastern Shore, Md.**—Five University of Maryland students were beaten severely with wooden paddles and canes during fraternity initiation. Police say they were hospitalized for cuts and infections. Kappa Alpha Psi, the fraternity to which the students were pledging, was suspended by the school, yet members say the injuries had nothing to do with hazing.

**Florida**—Scott Altman, the flight double for Tom Cruise in Top Gun, will pilot Columbia for the Kennedy Space Center this Thursday, when the space shuttle takes off. Altman piloted the plane which Cruise zooms too close to the control tower in the beginning of the film.

**Paterson, N.J.**—Striking teachers returned to work two hours after negotiators reached tentative three-year contract. The faculty, numbering 1,800 teachers and 600 aides, walked off on Wednesday and returned to avoid arrests and fines.

**Roanoke, Va.**—Three high school students have been hospitalized this year after getting high on homemade potions of jimsonweed. Poison center directors say that theses homemade potions are more dangerous than illegal drugs, and are far more unpredictable.

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# Call it the 'College Crapshoot:' Do your professors make the grade?

## *Some students and faculty are fed up with the 'pot luck' of 'professors' at Muhlenberg*

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

Most Muhlenberg students know an adjunct, or a part-time professor, when they see, or worse yet, have one.

"The adjuncts are always late...and most are unorganized," said junior O.J. Lenat. "It seems like they don't care about teaching here."

However, Lenat said he's pleased overall with the quality of his teachers at Muhlenberg.

"All my full-time professors have been great," he said, "besides the harried adjuncts—who make up a significant percentage of the faculty in some departments."

"We ideally don't want to hire any [adjuncts] into a quality program" said Dr. Michael Carbone, head of the Education Department.

"Their turnover rate is extremely unstable," he said; however, it is necessary to do so in order to meet certain course offering requirements.

From a strictly economic point of view, it is smart to hire adjunct professors—less salary and no benefits. At Muhlenberg, adjuncts receive less than $2400 per course; this is considerably low when compared to other colleges and universities.

Muhlenberg employs 74 part-time employees who teach around 100 courses. They make up fourteen percent of the faculty. Full-time faculty number 131 and teach 786 of those offered.

Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said the college has numerous reasons to hire adjuncts.

"They provide specific experiences to students that are not necessarily met with full-time faculty."

With the exception of Foreign Language, the college does not staff core courses with adjunct professors.

Dretsch knocks out the typical criticism that the adjuncts are just not as good as full-time faculty. "Depending on criteria, they're just as good—perhaps they're not as invested in the Muhlenberg community, but that is not their priority."

Many students find this disappointing.

"I really liked my [adjunct] professor last semester, but her only office hours were before class, from 7:30-8:30 in the morning," said freshman Elizabeth Page.

At institutions nationwide, the experience, education level, and skill of teachers can vary widely—from full time professors to adjuncts and teaching assistants, who are part-timers, often retired or having other jobs.

Add to this a culture in American higher education that, in many cases outside Muhlenberg, has ignored teaching technique in favor of research and publication. College professors can be leaders in their fields without ever having had any training on how to be teachers.

Co-Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching, Kathy Harring feels that professors here have a good understanding of different pedagogy.

"Our program fulfills a need in terms of providing quality teaching development. This support is important," Harring said.

A wide majority of the faculty take advantage of the Center's programs which include brown-bag lunches, a peer mentoring program which matches a senior faculty with a junior, and summer grant opportunities.

Carbone said he would not necessarily "advocate the necessity of teaching methods to college professors. Knowing the specific discipline is probably more important. But knowing something does not mean one is able to teach it."

In secondary and elementary education certifications, there are statewide standards and requirements governing teaching for which Carbone's department prepares students.

But there can be much less in the way of systematic oversight of just how effective college teachers are in their pedagogy.

"It's nice to see faculty here take advantage of the Center. Those who do recognize there is much to know about teaching," Carbone added.

Like other institutions, it is left to accrediting agencies, the administration, the individual departments—and the students—to monitor teaching.

Like most colleges, students at Muhlenberg are asked to evaluate professors at the end of each semester. Faculty members are also subject to departmental reviews.

This can be difficult to do for adjunct professors who often spend very little time at the college outside of class yet it is exactly the criteria with which their employment is based.

Administrators say the various types of review provide some, but not enough ,oversight and feedback.

But some teachers, particularly adjuncts, say they are pretty much left to their own devices in the classroom.

"We're trying to change this," said Dretsch. "We need to invest more time and energy into better infiltrating adjuncts into the community" as the college does for full-timers.

Students often appreciate that many adjuncts, despite their lack of training, have the real-world experience their other, full-time professors may lack.

And what about the beleaguered adjunct?

"They practice what they preach," said Lenat, "but they just don't seem to be particularly 'with it.'"

# Student Council Executive Board sets extensive goals for their tenure

**by Noelle Donnelly**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

All of the members of the newly tenured executive board of Student Council bring many ideas and much energy to the table.

The board consists of Jason Donnelly, Vice President; Scott Davies, Finance; Aaron Dorfman, Corresponding Secretary; and Milena Negrao, Recording Secretary.

Their primary goal is not to make drastic changes in the Muhlenberg community, but to expand and improve on current ideas, practices, and procedures.

Some of the Student Council practices being continued are the athletic committee, the renovations committee, the academic committee, and the food committee.

One of the main achievements of this past year's Council, which the current council plans to continue, has been to put out ideas into the Student Body and follow through to implement them. Student surveys played a major role in this process. The improvements to the Life Sports Center are a result of these surveys.

The Student Council also plans to continue the quest for more lights and emergency boxes around campus next year.

Next semester, Student Council plans to play a bigger role in orientation and assist on move-in day. They would like to have more of a presence in the community.

Some new ideas the Student Council Executive Board is considering are office hours, outdoor student body meetings and better interaction with other organizations.

The Student Council's office is located in the Student Activities Office. Hopefully, the establishment of office hours next year will allow students easier access to voice opinions, ask questions, or drop off ideas.

Another idea is to moving student body meetings outdoors to accommodate more students and increase attendance.

The third priority is increased interaction between Council and other campus organizations.

The board feels that the past council did an outstanding job of gaining student feedback, pursuing student concerns and implementing new committees to oversee various parts of student life.

The new executive board plans to head in the same positive direction mapped out by this past year's Council, and hopefully, go even further.

# Outdoors Club recently founded on campus

**by Jenny Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant News Editor**

The newly formed Outdoors Club will bring stress relief and alternative activities to campus.

"We wanted to actually get out and do things," say the four leaders of the newly formed Outdoor Adventure Club. President Scott Davies, vice-president of records Steve Dimirsky, quartermaster Jay Hauptman, and head of publicity Jonathan Levin have reinvented the idea of teamwork. As put by Hauptman, "the purpose of the club is to promote teamwork and interdependency among members, as well as a sense of unity."

Dr. William Abruzzi, head of the department of sociology and anthropology, took over this club after the dissolution of the Outing Club. The Outing Club was started last semester but because it was not funded by Student Council, many activities could not be scheduled because of high costs. Also, meetings were very irregular and disorganized.

Davies decided it was "time to take over; we actually wanted to start doing things, rather than just sitting at meetings."

Student Council approved their constitution, and the club will be funded by them. Their first official meeting was last Wednesday, and 30 students attended it.

The club is already looking forward to its activities. Its first adventure will be a sunset hike to a local mountain. It will be held on April 30, the first study day before exams. "It's a good day to just go for a hike; and, we're not leaving until 1 or 2 in the afternoon, so everyone can sleep in," said Davies.

For the upcoming year, the Outdoor Adventure Club has larger plans. Over October break, they want to plan a backpacking trip, plus indoor rock climbing in the winter and outdoor rock climbing during the spring. They also want to have an orienteering trip, where the group would find its way through the woods with a map and compass.

The officers are really interested in these activities, and want "everyone to be involved on campus," according to Levin. They are hoping to adopt part of the Appalachian Trail as part of a community service act, as well as offer high Ropes programs, bring in speakers, and sponsor clinics. Eastern Mountain Sports is working with them in these areas. They already have several ideas going through to the Emerging Leaders programs as well as EnAct.

All four officers agreed that the club brings students out of the Muhlenberg bubble, supplying them with other things to do on the weekends.

"You can't learn everything from a textbook," Dimirsky said. With this club, students no longer have excuses about having nothing to do, not having the money to do it, or having to go home over those short breaks. The Outdoor Adventure Club has big plans, and from their ambition, they plan to deliver.

# Kennedy to speak at Commencement

**KENNEDY from page 1**

Congressman Paul McHale and his chief-of-staff Chris Messina-Boyer, former employee of the college, were instrumental in helping Muhlenberg to have Kennedy at the graduation.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman and First Lady Hilary Clinton may have been able to speak, but their schedules conflicted with graduation. Bruckner mentioned the downside of having such an important figure speak at commencement.

He said, "If too big of a person speaks, it takes away from the meaning of the ceremony. Graduation is for the students."

Kennedy's roots are certainly big and his address is sure to be memorable at Graduation on Sunday, May 17.

# Career Development teaches which fork to use during dinner

## *'Dine for Success' proves to be successful and worthwile program for students*

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

Have you ever stopped to wonder how your table manners measure up? What would they project about you at a business dinner, luncheon or even an interview that included a dining experience?

Last week the program that the Office of Career Development and Placement held in Lelah's room gave students an opportunity to test their manners and learn things about proper dining etiquette. The program entitled, "Dine for Success" was a two hour-long meal in which students learned about the do's and don'ts of dining while actually being served a meal. About thirty students, ranging from first year students to seniors participated in the program, although all students were invited to attend.

The program began with a reception, where students mingled with one another while enjoying punch and hors d'oeuvres. Students were encouraged to start conversation with others in attendance. One of the lessons learned in this part of the program was how to gracefully balance a glass of punch and hors d'oeuvres while still being able to introduce themselves and shake people's hands. Students figured out that its best to hold everything in the left hand, leaving the right hand free for handshakes.

Following the reception was the actual meal. Students sat at four separate tables; each was headed by a guide to help them throughout the meal.

Those who gave up their time to guide students were Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, Michael Bruckner, the Vice President of Public Relations for the college, and Linda Garow and Julie Ambrose both from the Office of Career Development and Placement. These distinguished professionals carried out appropriate dinner conversations with students at their respective tables, while answering questions about correct mannerisms.

Standing in front of the room was the director of board operation for dining services, Hugh O'Brien. O'Brien gave tips and instructions as the courses were served. He had many helpful hints and facts to share with the room of diners.

The meal started with soup which was followed by a salad. The main entree was chicken on a bone and lo-mein. This dish was purposely selected because of the difficulty involved in trying to eat it tactfully. It also proved that students should not to order things that might be a challenge to eat.

The meal concluded with dessert and coffee. Students seemed slightly disappointed as they learned that they could not devour the dessert. The polite way is to eat it is in moderation, making sure to leave a small portion of the food on the plate.

Senior Jessica Sarro thought this was a beneficial program, especially since she has an interview this week. She now thinks she will be "more confident dining with potential employers."

Linda Garow, the Director of the Office of Career Development and Placement, was pleased with the outcome of the event. She feels that dining etiquette can "make or break other's opinions of you as a professional." Garow hopes that students were able to "take away helpful tips on etiquette."

Upon departure, all students in attendance were given a packet to review all the etiquette techniques that had been discussed. Some of the helpful tips included were actually quite humorous.

The section on eating salad warns against "overzealous cutting" because it "often results in salad ingredients sprayed on the table."

Also outlined in the packet are instructions on using utensils, American style versus European style. The difference is all in the way that you hold your fork.

Dine For Success was an excellent program for many reasons.

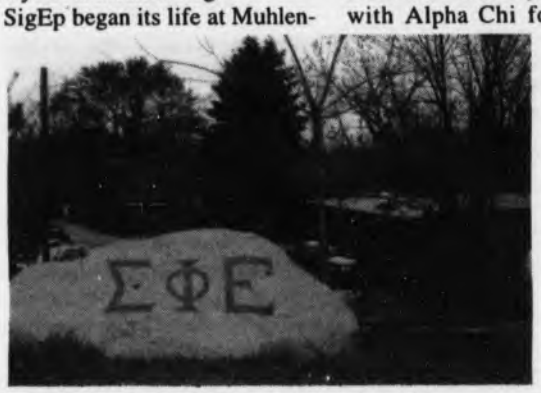
It alleviates the stress that accompanies attending a meal of consequence, and gave many students helpful tips.

# SigEp celebrates 60 years

**by Louis J. Alloro**
***Weekly* News Editor**

Muhlenberg College isn't the only organization with a significant birthday this year. Sigma Phi Epsilon is celebrating their sixtieth year at Muhlenberg.

SigEp began its life at Muhlenberg on April 10, 1938. The founding fathers of the fraternity were initiated as Theta Upsilon Omega brothers but when that national fraternity dissolved in 1938, some of the TUO chapters turned their membership to SigEp.




SigEp's first house was located on 2140 Gordon Street. After that, SigEp moved to 2219 Liberty Street, before moving into their current house at 2316 Chew Street in 1965.

"When the house was first built, it was considered state-of-the-art. The house was and still is sound proof. No matter how much noise there is on the dance floor, you can't hear it in the residence area," said Larry Carney, current President.

The SigEp today is not much different from the SigEp of 1938. Brothers are still actively involved in the community and on campus. Last year, they brought back the Campus Involvement and Community Service Awards for Greek Organizations.

"Recently, brothers have participated in the annual Thanksgiving food drive, local food bank, Kids Peace Bike-a-thon, Homework Club and the Jefferson Elementary School Program. We also cosponsored a community service event with Alpha Chi for the Easter Seals. Although it is not mandatory, every brother takes an active role in community service of the fraternity," said Jeffery Shapiro, Vice-President of Programming.

Just four years ago, SigEp was on the verge of folding with only twenty-three brothers before sophomore pledging was instated. This year, there are fifty-eight brothers.

"Things really turned around after pledging moved from freshman year to sophomore year." Carney said. "We were on the verge of becoming the next ZBT, but luckily turned our act around."

Shapiro added, "Thanks to two strong years of recruitment, our house has strong manpower.

The two most influential people in the turn around were former president Jeff Essig '97 and Shannon Gary '97, Carney said. "They were both terrific leaders."

Essig led in brotherhood development while Gary spearheaded the recruiting effort.

Carney is hopeful for a strong pledge class next semester. "It's been a phenomenal first sixty years—we hope the next sixty years turn out as well," he said.

# Muhlenberg prepares for hearing

**ORDINANCE from page 1**

Council then approved a slightly modified version of the Overlay District, which had earlier been defeated.

According to Muhlenberg College Public Relations Vice President Michael Bruckner, the college is appealing in response to faulty procedural steps taken by the Allentown City Council when introducing the second version of the housing ordinance. Council did not give the required 30-day notice to institute a piece of legislation.

"The vote was not brought up for reconsideration, and should have been dead until the institution of new council members," said Bruckner. "Instead they changed the ordinance's legislation number, while keeping virtually the same bill."

Also, Muhlenberg continues to argue the bill's defiance of student rights.

The Overlay District is bounded on the north by Tilghman Street, on the west by 27th, on the east by 19th and Leh streets, and on the south by Parkway Boulevard. Under the law, up to four students may reside together only in detached dwellings already divided into more than one apartment.

At the same time, no more than two students may reside together in the district's 831 single-family homes. The 35-40 properties that already house four students in each may continue to do so as long as the owner registers the address with the zoning office as a nonconforming student residence each year.

Recently, however, Allentown real estate appraiser Deborah Skeans informed the Allentown Zoning Board that the Overlay District will, in fact, harm property values in the neighborhood surrounding Muhlenberg College.

According to Skeans, over a nine-year period resale values declined city-wide, but they declined less drastically inside the new Overlay District where investor interest in student rentals drove prices up. That is expected to change now that property owners are prohibited from renting to more than two students in most of the dwellings inside the zone.

Furthermore, as a result of the zoning restrictions, it is possible that off-campus expansion will be forced to take place outside the neighborhood surrounding the Muhlenberg campus. As Muhlenberg enrollment has grown by more than 250 students in the last decade, the college expects enrollment to grow by 25 or 30 students a year during the next five years. Muhlenberg, however, cannot justify the construction of another residence hall until it knows that its current enrollment numbers are solid.

"It's entirely possible enrollment will decrease," Steffy has said.

Muhlenberg's current action, therefore, is to await the completion of its appeal to the Court of Common Pleas. According to Bruckner, the completion could take months, but the college feels confident.

"We feel that we have a good case in the [appeal] issues, and we anticipate victory. If unsuccessful, we will have to consider our options."

Bruckner also noted the positive effects of off-campus housing for students.

"Living off-campus is a great experience for any student," said Bruckner. "Moreover, prospective students like to see a variety of housing options when considering colleges. Now, with these zoning restrictions, how many students will be able to afford a two-person property?"

# Around Campus

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

**The Weekly** will sponsor a **Writing Workshop** on Sunday, April 19 from 12:30-1:30 pm in the ML Underground. Writers from *The Morning Call* and *The Trenton Times* will be here to discuss how to write in a journalistic style. All students interested in becoming a part of Muhlenberg's voice next semester are invited to attend. If interested, call x3187 and RSVP as soon as possible.

**East Fest** will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 4-9 P.M. in the East quad. There will laser tag, a bungee run, dinner, a band, a Student Athlete Auction, etc. BYOB for those 21 and over.

**Uninvited Guests** will perform in the Underground on Friday, April 17 from 12-4 A.M. A $1 donation will go to Turning Point.

**The Sisters of Alpha Chi Omega** would like to invite Muhlenberg women to see what their sisterhood is all about. Come to the house on Tuesday, April 21 from 7-10 pm.

**The Outdoor Adventure Club** will hold a meeting on April 21 at 7pm in Trumbower 125. All interested students are welcome to attend.

***Send submissions for* Around Campus *to Amy Kern at Box 1739***

# The Weekend Express

## "The cheapest way to get off campus!"

**Friday and Saturday night schedules:**

**6:00pm leave from Seegers Union**

**6:05pm drop off in front of the Giant**

**6:15pm drop off in front of Fridays'**

**6:25pm drop off in front of AMC theaters**

**6:35 pm pick up in front of Giant**

**6:40pm return to Seegers Union**

**6:45 pm second route begins**

**11:15pm last route heads out**

**Repeated every 45 minutes**

**Sunday afternoon schedule:**

**1:00pm leave from Seegers Union**

**1:05pm drop off in front of Giant**

**1:20pm drop off at front entrance to the mall**

**1:25pm drop off at the Lehigh Valley Theaters**

**1:30pm drop off at Perkins, KFC, etc.**

**1:45pm return to Seegers Union**

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# *Uninvited Guests* to perform tomorrow night

## *Student comedy troupe will entertain for a good cause*

**by Perri Brooke Magit**
***Weekly* staff writer**

*Uninvited Guests*, a group of Muhlenberg students who formed an independent comedy group, will perform in the Red Door on Friday, April 17th at 9:00pm.

There show will consist of imprave, sketch, music and singing.

Additionally, the winner of their current raffle will be announced.

Tickets are being sold by the group to raise money for the Turning Point Shelter, a domestic abuse center in Bethlehem.

The goal is to reach $1000 by selling tickets to students for one dollar or three tickects for five dollars.

Those who buy tickects have the option of entering a raffle to win a chance to be in thier show this Friday in the Red Door or enter a raffle to win a date with a member of the group and two of your friends.

The winner of the date raffle win be announced at the show on Friday.

*Univited Guests* consists of five sophmores; Sam Stein, Ian Alderman, Ken Baldino, Ryan Gardner, and Ruben Ortiz; three juniors, Adam Matyseck, Elmer Moore Jr., Daniel Deblasio,and one senior, William Vonroth III. Ian Alderman says, "Raising money is the driving force behind the show."

*Uninvited Guests* deserves to be recognized for their sucessful tee-shirt fundraiser.

The group raised money in order to attend the Skidmore Comedy Festival.

This independent group supports themselves by fundraisers, accepting no school funds.

The group buys their own props and suport their own ventures.

A regular at the *Uninvited Guests's* performances, freshman, Heather Paley says, "I go to all their shows. The group is extremely talented—they are always able to make me laugh."

For those of you who have not seen the Univited Guests perform, this Friday in the Red Door is the perfect opportunity to be entertained and amused by an extremely talented and hardworking group of independent Muhlenberg students.

Even if you've never actually been to a show, it's likely that you've seen their antics. *Uninvited Guests* have appeared as the Spice Girls before Norm MacDonald's comedy spectacle as well as at the Freshamn Student Council sponsored Singled Out Part Deux.

Following the show, the *Uninvited Guests* are throwing a party in the Underground from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

There will be free flavor ices for everyone!

# Muhlenberg Dance Ensemble Performs Annual Show

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**Asst. News Editor**

The Muhlenberg Dance Ensemble joins past and present to bring a sense of connectedness to this year's Concert, being performed next weekend in Empie Theater. Every piece is being done by the college's own dancers, although there are still outside choreographers as in past years.

Karen Dearborn, choreographer and director of the dance program at the college, has re-choreographed a ballet piece from her college thesis concert. Originally for nine dancers, Dearborn has added another couple and changed a bit of the choreography to match the groups's personalities. The piece tells the love story of a couple, of their sweet beginnings, then the complications of other people and eventually having to deal with other people. It also deals with social acceptance versus the behind-the-scenes of a relationship.

Shelly Oliver, instructor of jazztap, choreographed a large number-eighteen dancers-in a south of the border themed dance. The costumes are bright yellows, oranges, and reds, and the music has a southern tone.

Robert Torres, instructor of jazz, follows through with another large jazz piece, also covering the Spanish theme. The dancers were a flowered dress, knee pads, and black tights; Junior Jen Dite says "it's a fun piece; we do a lot of floor work."

Jessica Swainbank, a senior, has choreographed a piece based on her own relationship with her mother. The piece, based around three mother-daughter relationships, shows the "natural tensions and conflicts between a mother and daughter; I used dialogue and took personal stories to create the piece," said Swainbank.

Susan Creitz, instructor of the Movement Workshop for dancers and actors, is re-presenting one of her modern pieces that she choreographed for the Muhlenberg Dance Concert six years ago.

The amazing thing about her piece is she has brought past and present together, using students still enrolled at Muhlenberg as well as alumnae who performed the original piece.

Clare Byrne, instructor of modern dance, is choreographing a modern piece for the concert. For the first time, she has choreographed a dance on male dancers, which she is very excited about. The piece is entitled, "Lost Souls," and is about lost souls; Elmer Moore, Jr. Says "it has been an excellent experience and I have really enjoyed working with Clare."

Mark Morris, another guest choreographer, has created a modern dance based on the theme of friendship. According to Dana Spancake, "the piece is about what you go through in college. It is about two friends that split apart because of the different friendships they pursue."

Nick Leichter, a repeat guest choreographer and former student of Dearborn's, has brought back one of his pieces from two years ago, "A Dance for Five Women." Formerly performed by company members, he has brought it to dancers from the campus.

Dearborn thinks this is great. "By putting his dance on our dancers, everyone can see and appreciate his technique and see that our dancers are capable of this," she said.

Everyone is excited about the wide spectrum of this concert, combining ballet, tap, jazz, and several different methods of modern together on the same stage, as well as students, faculty, and guest choreographers, all creating dances for dancers of Muhlenberg from the past and present.

The program will be performed in Empie Theatre at the Baker Center for the Arts April 23, 24, and 25.

For more information, please call the box office at x3333.

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**Dear Betty and Bonnie,**

**My roommate won't stop playing Nintendo. What should I do?**

**Signed,**
**Sincerio Bob**

***Dear Sincerio Bob,***

***This sounds like a common problem, but you and your roommate need to have a talk with one another and work out your issues. You must not let your feelings build up, but let him/her know how you feel. Living with another person for a year can be very difficult, but you must talk about your problem. If you don't express how you feel, then nothing will ever be solved and you will still complain all of the time. Try to set a middle ground with your roommate. Maybe try telling him/her that it bothers you when he is constantly working his "finger muscles" and maybe he can do it on his free time when you are not in the room. If this doesn't work, get back to us.***

# Your *Weekly* Horoscope

## by Amanda Hudson

**Capricorn**
It's a good week to finally admit your real feelings about someone in your life—good or bad. If you are spending a lot of time trying not to think about a person who keeps creeping into your thoughts, start facing the facts and realize a good friend of yours may be a little more than that. If you are currently involved, you are still going to have to face it eventually. Conversely, if you are finding yourself grimacing every time a friend initiates a lunch date, do yourself a favor and make yourself unavailable to them for a while.

**Aquarius**
If you're feeling bogged down with work and responsibilities this week, rest assured that a reprieve is on the way. Try not to take on anything more than you have to this week, just look to the immediate necessities until you feel like you can handle the bigger stuff.

**Pisces**
You're bound to be a little irritable this week, so try to keep it in check. If it's financial issues that are freaking you out, try not to stress about them too badly; you'll soon have an opportunity to pick up some extra cash. Don't turn down any odd job opportunities (they may turn out more lucrative than you expect) and pick up an extra lottery ticket the next time you're grocery shopping.

**Aries**
If things are seeming a little sluggish in the romance department, try not to worry about it too much. You are to be commended for waiting for Mr. or Mrs. Right instead of settling for the nearest warm body. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities this weekend, but don't lower your standards.

**Taurus**
Tauruses are known for being extremely giving—be careful not to let it overextend you this week. It's ok to screen your phone calls and avoid the people calling for advice if you need time to yourself. You won't become a horrible person if you don't loan out your car or your favorite shirt, either.

**Gemini**
You're having a crazy social life this week and you're feeling totally energized, so take advantage. It's a good week to try something new, but a bad one to get involved in old issues again. If there is someone in your life who keeps bringing up past conflicts, try to ignore him or her.

**Cancer**
An unexpected love interest comes into your life this week. You're a little bogged down with responsibilities right now, but a little bit of fun isn't going to hurt you. You can check things out and still stay on top of things, you'll be fine.

**Leo**
A past crisis with your significant other may be rearing its ugly head this week—keep things in perspective and leave the past where it belongs. Try not to fly off the handle unnecessarily. Rehashing old problems will only create new ones. If projects and tests are overwhelming you, be sure to take some time to relax this weekend.

**Virgo**
An old flame is still prominent in your memory right now, but it is time to move on. There is a sea full of fish waiting for you and you may find some unexpected surprises. Spend the week taking your mind off something that has run its course and you may notice someone new... Keep your eyes open this weekend and maybe you'll notice someone who's been hibernating all winter.

**Libra**
You've been repressing your feelings about something lately and it's driving you crazy, so you need to get it off your chest. People are noticing something bothering you, so don't be afraid to be honest about your feelings.

**Scorpio**
If you're feeling a little down this week, don't rush to any expensive therapists just yet. You probably just need a little break, so schedule time for a nap or a heart to heart with a friend. Avoid getting involved with someone from the past over the next few days—there's probably a really good reason you've lost touch.

**Sagittarius**
If you've really been neglecting someone, now is the time to schedule in a phone call or an hour to write a really long letter of apology. If you've noticed your e-mail petering off, it's probably because people have gotten tired of your weak responses. Take some time to remind a family member or an old friend that you do still love them, then give them the usual excuses.


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# Letters to the Editor

## Campus Safety Praised

To the Editor-

Recently I was afforded the opportunity to spend three eight-hour weekend shifts riding around with Campus Safety. At first I dreaded the assignment, thinking that this was the last way I wanted to spend my Friday and Saturday nights. In my naive opinion (and in the minds of many other students), Campus Safety served no purpose other than to pass out parking tickets and break up parties. After spending twenty-four hours with them, though, I realized that this couldn't be farther from the truth. The officers of Muhlenberg's Campus Safety Department are some of the hardest working, most genuine, and most concerned people I have ever encountered. Day in and day out, they assume the responsibility of caring for the students' well being. I was impressed with their dedication to keeping Muhlenberg College safe, but even more impressed that they seemed to know every student's name. While Campus Safety may be widely taken for granted, they are certainly doing an outstanding job in keeping Muhlenberg College safe.

Sincerely,

Michael Schaffer
Class of 1998

## A Word of Caution

**by Louis J. Alloro**
**News Editor**

On Tuesday, my brother Todd would have been 27 years old.

Unfortunately, for the past seven years, we haven't been able to celebrate because on May 5, 1991 he decided to take his own life.

Todd was a hardworking and popular Wesleyan University student studying abroad in Madrid, Spain. He would have returned to the states in just one week but he will never come home. Why? We'll never know.

Suicide is more common than one would suspect. For every one completion of the act, there are over 200 attempts.

Warning signs are not particularly vivid so I ask you to keep an eye out for your friends—change in sleeping and eating habits, lack of energy, depression, withdrawal, loss of interest in life, personality changes, over-abuse with drugs and alcohol.

Watch for these signs, in yourself and others, for you can help end the problem before it escalates to the point of no return.

At this age we all go through so much change and questioning which puts many issues out of perspective.

Even if one is potentially not harmful to oneself, the Muhlenberg College Counseling Center is a great way for one to take control to one's mental health.

Linda Bips and her staff are wonderful in helping students put things into perspective. Someone once told me that therapy is only the opportunity for one to connect the head with the gut. Trust me, depressed or not depressed, it helps, it's 100% confidential, and it's free.

The reason for my writing this is solely because I'd hate to see you or one of our friends attempt to end, something that always has the potential to be better—life.

I suspect that Todd, once he reached a certain point, could not realize that anymore.

So realize it now, so that you will always have a chance to blow out your candles. Try and be a friend to someone who needs one so that they will realize they matter if just to one person—you.

I'm not trying to preach to you. Rather, I'm expressing my innate concern as someone who continues to grieve over not recognizing the signs before it was too late.

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## Muhlenberg's Earth Day Solutions

**by Amy Armbruster**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

For those of you, who walked out of Dr. Bednar's class convined that the world was going to end, here is the gloom and doom scenario. There is an incredible waste of energy taking place that is threatening to destroy our world. Happy Earth Day. Wait! Before you throw this paper down muttering under your breath that you have enough to worry about with finals or graduation approaching; you don't need to have an anxiety attack over the environment, I found that the situation, at least, on campus, isn't so terrible. Yes, there is room for improvement, but the end of the world might be delayed ... until tomorrow anyway.

But first the bad news. Each time a light is left on when no one is in the room, energy is wasted. Okay, one light is not going to make a big difference, but thousands of lights left on over the years will be a serious drain on our already dwindling energy reserves. The good news is that energy conservation can start with something as simple as turning off the lights. Recently, another EnAcT member and I surveyed the campus to see how bad this problem is at Muhlenberg. Surprise! The situation is not so bad. In Seegers, the poor student that had to work the front desk told us that Seegers is pretty efficient. The lights down the hallway to Lelah's room were all on when we checked. But, and this is more good news, he said that it would be really easy to save electricity. Usually, no one is in the Lelah's room or the Trexler rooms down that hall after 6 or 7. Why can't they just turn the lights off in that when the majority of people leave that area? And while they're at it, why can't they change the inefficient light bulbs to energy saving bulbs? The good news is that students on campus have some great ideas about how to save energy and, after a little prodding, are concerned about how much energy is wasted at Muhlenberg. Now, the guy working at the front desk said that he would talk to his supervisor about turning off the lights.

Okay, so what else did we find? Remarkably, a lot of people at Muhlenberg are conscious of the waste of energy here. Maybe if they had a little additional prodding they would be encouraged to conserve, too. In the Garden Room, the lights are turned off at 9:00. The Wood Company is careful about wasting energy because it would lower their profits. And does Muhlenberg try to save energy so that they can use our tuition money more efficiently? More good news, in Shankweiler, the lab supervisors turn off all the lights at 10:00. Except for a few lights left on in professors' offices, Shankweiler was relatively energy efficient. Trumbower had at least 8 classroom lights on the night that we checked. These lights could easily be turned off by janitors or exiting staff. Haas, which seems like it has the lights on 24-7, has a decent excuse - the cleaning staff works from 10-7. Now, the dome light is a different story. Yes, it is the symbol of Muhlenberg and it is a beautiful sight all light up on a clear night, but does the light have to stay on all the time? The lights in the CA are turned off at night; the dome light should be turned off, too. There are a lot of other small things that could be done to make Muhlenberg more energy efficient.

So, now you have an excuse to turn off the lights in your room and forget about the papers you have to write and the finals you have to study for. Tell your professors that you were trying to save the world by conserving energy. So, get busy-Reduse, Reuse, and Recycle. Happy Earth Day!

## Your Driving, Your Personality?

Worlds Apart
by Dylan Lane
*Weekly* Columnist

A wise person once told me, "If you're having second thoughts about doing something, it's usually not a good idea to go ahead and do it". This comment came regarding a conversation I had about personal morality. Personal morality being ones inner system of standards, what measures they live by, their moral constitution, etc. (This seems ironically similar to that familiar motto, 'Educating for Character', which I've heard somewhere). Personal morality is many times compared to an individuals character or how true their actions are to their words. People of good character usually don't say how they intend to act, but act according to their inner set of rules and regulations. A persons character may be reflected in several aspects of their everyday life. Familiarity with ones ideals translates over into that persons external behavior. Some external behaviors can be interpreted as a measure of that persons morality, take driving as an example.

A gentleman who drives defensively is aware of possible threats to his safety and takes measures to prevent the safety of other drivers. He constructs scenarios in his mind which he uses to predict what other people may suddenly do, or what traffic patterns are about to emerge. A good defensive driver, as he's been taught, drives like they have no brakes. Before getting too involved in an unsafe or unpleasant situation the defensive driver may have already analyzed possible outcomes and be taking preventative measures. By predicting what decisions he may have to make he can either choose to engage or dis—engage himself in upcoming situations. These same analytical undertones are present in the phrase, 'choose wisely' (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade).

The defensive person lives life as if he had no brakes, no power to disengage himself from circumstances which might not be so advantageous. This involves carefully thought out driving techniques and a great deal of patience to adhere to them. Alas I am sorry to say that for as many defensive drivers out there on the road there seems to be twice as many drivers who believe they own the road. The person who drives fast and with reckless abandonment probably encounters just as many speed bumps as the defensive driver, only they're going 25mph faster. The more quickly a person drives the more quickly they encounter new and unfamiliar situations. This rapid pace doesn't give a person much time for anticipating or predicting new scenarios. Without this analyzing beforehand, reactions are left up to ones instincts; momentary, split-second decisions about what to do. The speed at which a person approaches new developments is relative, it is dependent upon whether they've predicted and are ready to prevent or whether they have not predicted and are forced to act instinctively.

Now regard the word traffic as life; the way life changes or develops, the future, the present, twists and turns in the road, etc. Replace the word traffic with the word life, consider your own personal driving style? Are your driving methods similar to your lifestyle? Are other behaviors relative?

# Olean Seems to be Causing Some Unpleasant Movements

The View From 2400 Chew
by Ellen Gerber
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Whenever I am asked where I go to school, I proudly resond, "Muhlenberg College." The same question always follows— "So, you want to be a doctor?" The first few times this happened I politely responded, "No I don't. I am an English major." After that declaration, I almost always get a "Why?" In other words, "What the hell could you possibly do with that?" I feel no need to justify my choice, for majoring in Biology would in no way prepare me for life as a journalist. However, I have to admit that over the past two years I have been suffering a bit of withdrawal from science courses. Actually, it is not so much the science itself, but the fun lab periods in high school when you wouldn't have to listen to the professor ramble on and on spouting equations, but instead, you could mess around with chemicals, cause explosions, fires, and even disect funky animals (Aren't you glad I'm not a Bio major?!)

Anyway, I decided to be Mr., well Mrs. Wizard for one day and conduct my own experiment. My experiment, however, does not involve a hypothesis, variables, and I did not even conduct in a lab. In fact, I was almost positive I would have to conduct it partly, at least, in the bathroom, but luckily I was not moved to do so (Literally—I'll explain later). The only "materials" needed in the experiment were myself, Doritos, and potato chips. I know, you do that experiment everyday. . . It's called eating, right?! Well, these were not ordinary Doritos or potato chips. These were WOW Doritos and WOW Lay's potato chips. Yes, the bags actually say WOW. It sounds a little cheezy (no pun intended) but only once you taste either chip, can you understand why they are called WOW. You may not be familiar with the WOW potato chip and Dorito movement, for they are only available in select areas.

WOW products are made with Olean, a fat free cooking oil, which comes from Olestra. Therefore, these once highly fattening snacks are virtually fat free. In fact, the potato chips are completely fat free and the Doritos have one gram of fat for every eleven, yes you read correctly,eleven.

As if that's not incentive enough, the calorie content of the potato chips is cut in half and the Doritos have 1/3 less calories than regular Doritos. The best part is that both chips taste exactly like their fat-fortified counterparts., which is why the name is so fitting. After eating some of this incredibly delicious low-calorie, fat free fare, the only thing you can say is, "WOW."

Here's the glitch. . . Olean has been noted to cause some side effects. I know, you never heard of a potato chip causing a side effect, that is other than greasy fingers, but the shiny bags that hold these golden treasures even have a warning label which reads, "Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools." Here's where my experiment comes in. I ate ten Doritos and ten potato chips, finding it incredibly difficult to stop at just ten. Then I waited, with a bathroom nearby, as people have been noted also to loose control of their bowels. . . pretty fun, huh?! In fact, pregnant women have been taken to the hospital thinking that they are in labor, when it was just the abdominal cramping from these chips. (Wouldn't it be cute though if they eventually had a little girl and called her Dorrie, short for Dorito. . .)

Anyway, nothing happened. No cramping, no loss of control of my bowels, just a belly full of chips. Now, I am not saying that they will agree with everyone's stomach, for research shows that they do not. In fact, I am not so sure that I will ingest great amounts without the comfort of a toilet nearby.

And if all I get from this great tasting invention is loose stools, it will be a nice way to counteract the ever so clogging effect of an eight day diet of purely matzah.

# The Ivy Leagues: An Incredible Farce as Compared to Us

Another View
by George Saitta
Asst. Opinion Editor

Did you ever consider how you got into college? Maybe you were valedictorian of your high school, senior class? Maybe you didn't get into Princeton University? Yes, I said Princeton University, one of seven so-called,elite ivy-league colleges within our nation.

Anyway, at the present moment, you are reading *The Muhlenberg Weekly*; therefore, you are probably a student of Muhlenberg College. However, whether or not your Muhlenberg College career has been the ultimate of educational and social experiences, you presently attend a college that has been recently moved up to the *"highly selective" category* in the Barron's College Guide.

As you probably know, the college has accepted over 3,000 applications: potential students of the Class of 2002. Yet, is Muhlenberg College's pool of prospective students that much different than the pool of prospective students, compiled by one of seven ivy-league schools: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Penn, Dartmouth, and Cornell?

The truth of the matter is both Muhlenberg College and the ivy-leagues receive applications from some of the same high school seniors. Yes, the same first and last name, but what I like to consider different desires. You see, Muhlenberg College, even with its new *"highly selective"* rating, will continue to be the so-called ***security school*** for college-bound, high school seniors. What do I mean by security school? Well, students, who apply to the ivy-leagues, believe, "If I don't get into the ivy-leagues, I can always go to a school like Muhlenberg College."

However, have you ever wondered, "Is a diploma from Muhlenberg College that much different than a diploma from say Princeton University?" For example, let's just say you are a chemistry major. You go to lecture, make your recitations, and attend your five to six hours of lab each week. Are the principles of general chemistry, which are taught at Princeton University, that much different than the principles taught at Muhlenberg College? Most likely, students are taught by professors, who have doctorate degrees, and use the same chemistry textbooks. Yet, a company like Rohm and Haas, Inc. will higher a Princeton graduate with a 2.5 GPA before hiring a Muhlenberg graduate with a 4.0 GPA.

Truthfully, students, who have 1600 on their SATs, 4.0 GPAs, an array of extracurricular activities, and abundant community service, are continuously turned away by the ivy-leagues and swallowed-up by smaller liberal arts institutions, such as Muhlenberg College. Believe me, I am not labeling Muhlenberg College as the next-best alternative for students, who are turned away by the ivy-leagues; rather, I am stressing the fact that Muhlenberg College is on an equal level if not better than Princeton University. Then, what is so attractive about the ivy-leagues?

Yet, people, highschool seniors, talk about getting into the ivy leagues, as if they are attempting to get into the gates of heaven. Sorry, Princeton University is not heaven-although many who go there would like to think so. Essentially, the false prestige of the ivy-leagues is due to the fact that they are some of the oldest, private universities within the United States. It in no way means quality of your education is any better.

Personally, I believe, if you have the heart, desire, and devotion, you can make Dean's List in any college. Remember, college is what you make of it: good or bad, love it or hate it. So please, hold your head high (even keep your nose in the air). Muhlenberg is a fine academic instuition--BE PROUD! P.S. Nick, this ones for you.

# *Primary Colors:* This is Bill Clinton

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

It can be scary when fiction is too close to reality. Mike Nichols' film *Primary Colors,* based on the novel of the same name, is eerily reminiscent of Bill Clinton's 1992 Presidential Campaign. John Travolta plays Jack Stanton, who is a fictional Southern Governor on a quest ot The White House. Travolta's character draws more than several parallels with the various scandals that have plagued the Clinton Presidency. Every supporting character can be cross-referenced with a player currently or formerly involved with Bill Clinton.

What is disturbing is that it is hard to discern what is reality and fiction in the film. Every romantic encounter or political snafu portrayed in the movie seemingly refers to something in Clinton's past. One can't help but wonder about the truth of the fictional events in the film.

*Primary Colors* is a story about Bill Clinton. Regardless of whatever disclaimers are attached by the author of the novel, the film's director, or anyone else involved with the story. The remarkable consistencies between Clinton and Stanton are just too obvious to ignore.

Excellent supporting characters lend credibility to an already strong story. Kathy Bates plays Stanton's damage control artist, and provides the moral conscious of the film. This excellent performance can be easily overlooked because the audience may say "Did Clinton do that?"

The story mesmerizes anyone familiar with Bill Clinton's journey to and during his Presidency. I found myself saying "She is Gennifer Flowers," or "That's Paul Tsongas!"

*Primary Colors* is portrayed as a fictional account of American Politics. It is supposed to be a satirical look at a candidate. Do not be fooled. This story is about Bill Clinton. There is no question about it.

# Many Thanks to All

Council Update
by Barry Engel
Class '01 Rep.

The Muhlenberg College student council and its athletic committee wishes to thank its many sponsoring groups and participants of the All Campus Softball Game. The following organizations were very generous in their sponsorship: Athletics, Student Life, Psychology, Public Relations, Academic Support, Dean of Students Office, The Treasurer's Office, AXO, OCDP, Housing, Hillel, Jewish/Christian In., Admissions, Financial Aid, PSS, Campus Safety, TKE, RHA, Student Council, SPE, Education Society, MAC, Library, President's Office, Registrar's Office, Education Department, Wood, Controller's Office, The Bookstore, and other individual sponsorships. Without their help, this event would not have been possible. Proceeds will go toward helping the Life Sports Center. In addition, a much anticipated Athlete Auction will be held Saturday at East Fest. Your support is always greatly appreciated! Keep extra change as well for the ongoing 50/50 raffle. Once again, Student Council thanks you for all of your continued support. Don't be afraid to voice any of your concerns.

# Under Siege

**A weekly column exploring the problems of professional sports**

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

Every crusade needs a villian; a scapegoat of sorts to hold up to the masses and say, "Here! This is what we're fighting against."

Allen Iverson, point guard for the Philadelphia 76ers, has become the stereotype of the "immature, barbaric, rebel professional athlete," and is now the chosen enemy of those wishing to curtail this "trend" in sports.

These crusaders need to get past the physical aspect of Iverson and see him for the American success story he is.

The 22-year old Iverson wears his hair in a variety of "cornrow" styles. He adorns himself with pounds of gold jewelry off the court.

He has an attitude, a swagger of sorts, and doesn't hesitate to take a verbal shot at prominent veterans such as Michael Jordan.

That attitude has led to several players speaking out against Iverson. Charles Barkley, himself known for rebel-esque actions, verbally berated Iverson's actions earlier this season. Iverson was unfazed. "They want me to act the way they want me act, but I'm a grown man," Iverson said in a post-game interview.

Iverson travels around with a group of family and close friends that media has labeled his "posse." He has been arrested twice in his life, once in high school on assault charges, the other a more recent incident involving marijuana and a concealed handgun.

All of this leads critics to think of Iverson as some "evil" person, someone no child should look up.

They're wrong.

Iverson, while he has made mistakes, has lived his life in a way that a child should be proud to emulate.

Iverson grew up in Hampton, Virginia. He had no money, and no prospects for the future. He worked his way to Georgetown University, and eventually to the NBA. He now makes enough money that his family never has to worry about anything ever again.

That's a true-life American success story if I ever heard one.

So what if Iverson wears his shorts too long? So what if he knows he's good and brags about it?

Allen Iverson is a role model for every underprivileged youth in America today. Why? It's not because of his cornrows. It's not because of his braggadocio. It's not because of his extra-long, extra-baggy shorts. It's because he made it; he rose out of the poverty-stricken setting he was thrown into.

Iverson's critics are old-fashioned curmudgeons who want to keep NBA basketball "pure," like in the old days, where players wore short-shorts and were known more for on-the-court actions than off.

These critics need to wise up; Iverson is leading the charge of a new breed of professional athletes. They're not just athletes, they're entertainers.

I, for one, think they're a breath of fresh air.

## ATHLETICS FIELDS SCHEDULING

**The Department of Athletics is attempting to both maximize the use of the new athletics fields and ensure their longevity. These fields currently consist of very young turf and it will take a few years before the turf is mature enough to be able to withstand heavier use.**

**We are asking all students and campus organizations to please schedule in advance with the athletic department any use of these new fields so that we can stay within the number of seasonal uses recommended by the turf company that installed the fields. One impromptu touch football game on a wet field can cause severe damage to this facility.**

**Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated. Please call x3380 if you are considering using these fields. Thank you.**

**Stephen P. Erber**
**Director of Athletics**


## FAN APPRECIATION DAYS

**COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE MUHLENBERG ATHLETIC TEAMS AS THEY CLOSE OUT THEIR SEASONS**

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**
**Thursday, April 16**
**vs. Susquehanna**
**4:00 on the soccer field**

- Two Brine lacrosse sticks
- Team shorts and t-shirts
- Muhlenberg athletics warmup suit
- College women's lacrosse yearbook
- Lacrosse bumper stickers
- Halftime throwing contest

**Softball**
**Monday, April 20 vs. Messiah**
**6:00 doubleheader at Pates Park**

- U.S. Olympic team souvenirs
- Passes to The Hitter's Edge (batting cage in Whitehall)
- Team t-shirts
- NCAA Record Book
- Muhlenberg softball jacket
- National Fastpitch Coaches Association shirts and bags
- Between-games hitting contest sponsored by Yocco's

**BASEBALL**
**Wednesday, April 22**
**vs. Moravian**
**5:00 doubleheader**
**at Bicentennial Park**

- Team t-shirts
- 2 tickets to June 1 Yankees-White Sox game
- 2 tickets to a 1998 Philadelphia Phillies game
- 2 pairs of tickets to a 1998 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons game
- Book of 12 tickets to 1998 Reading Phillies games
- 1997 Philadelphia Phillies yearbook
- Baltimore Orioles stickers
- USA Baseball t-shirts
- Year's subscription to Collegiate Baseball
- American Baseball Coaches Association portfolio

BIG Woody's Sports Bar & Restaurant

Taco Pizza — Sicilian Pizza

**Tuesday** Pub Night 11am-close
**Wednesday** Wing Night 20-cent wings
**Thursday** $2 off large pizza with college ID (eat-in only)
**Friday and Saturday** Happy Hour 8-10. 16 oz. Drafts, Bottles Import and Domestic on Special.
**Everyday** 2 Large Pizzas-$11.99 Pick-Up, $13.99+tax Delivery.

**COLD BEER TO GO!**

**Garlic Knots: 12/$2.50** — **"Margarita" Pizza** — **"Jugs" to Go!**

# Women's tennis team beats Bryn Mawr

## *Lady Mules win five of six singles matches to capture third straight win*

by Scott Burke
*Weekly* Staff Writer

Perhaps they need the pressure. Perhaps they can only operate when the stakes are as high as they can get, where one mistake will be your last. It is an unorthodox style, insanely dangerous, but for the Women's Varsity Tennis team, startlingly effective.

Yet, in a five and one-half hour marathon against Bryn Mawr College last Wednesday, April 8th, the Mules would play nearly every match as sudden death. And when they had to win, they would.

There were storm clouds gathering in the West, dark and ominous. It was late afternoon as the match began, and with thunder rapidly approaching, the Mules were dropping the three opening doubles matches. 8-6, 8-4, 8-5 they went, all to Bryn Mawr.

Things looked dark. Usually the doubles teams provide a strong start for the Cardinal and Gray.

This could be an early afternoon; by the second singles match it could be over.

As the Mules realized the daunting task that lay ahead of them, the lightning flashed overhead. The thunder roared and the heavens opened. The match would have to be concluded indoors.

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Could the Mules do it? Could they, after three doubles defeats, resurrect their victory? Senior and Captain Julia Hensley answered first for the Mules, winning the opening singles match 7-5, 7-5.

Freshman Stephanie Powers raised hopes by crushing her opponent 6-2, 6-1. Things were looking good.

As sophomore Kristin Cahayla threatened to tie the match after taking the first set 6-3, hopes were raised another notch, only to be dashed by hardfought losses in the second set 7-5, and in the third set again 7-5.

The pressure was on. Another loss and the match was over for Muhlenberg.

First to test the pressure was freshman Kerri Waldowski. Waldowski, a rising star on the team, would get another chance to prove herself. She came through mightily, dispatching her opponent 6-3, 6-0.

Yet, the afternoon was long a thing of the past by now. While inside the Fieldhouse the match went ever on, and one could see the time translated into the exhaustion of the players, as Muhlenberg, walking on the knife's edge, toyed with defeat in every match.

In her first set, freshman Marissa Lutzer went to a 6-6 tiebreak. However, Lutzer seized control of the situation, won the tiebreak 7-4, and the second set 6-3. The contest was tied.

Several matches had been played concurrently inside the Fieldhouse, and as Lutzer finished, sophomore Julia Beyer played the final match of the day.

Beyer also went to a 6-6 tiebreak in the first set. And Beyer also triumphed over her opponent 7-4. In the second set, Beyer won 6-3. It was 9:30 at night.

The match had lasted over five and a half hours. The Mules had held firm. Muhlenberg had made Bryn Mawr quake.

# Softball team loses three of four to drop out of playoff contention

by George Lutz
*Weekly* Staff Writer

This past week was a disappointing one for the Muhlenberg softball team. They dropped three of their four games and missed out on an opportunity to move into contention for the Centennial Conference title.

After entering the week with a 6-2 conference record, the Lady Mules defeated Swarthmore 3-1 in the first half of the home doubleheader. With the win, sophomore hurler, Heather Dreby, improved her overall record to 9-6, and the team's overall record 11-11 - their first time at the .500 plateau since they opened the season 1-1.

Unfortunately, they dropped the second game 4-3 in the late innings and were unable to pull off, what would have been, a crucial sweep of the Garnet Terror.

The Lady Mules, still at 7-5 in the conference, had another chance to make a major statement against a superb Western Maryland team. They sent their ace, Dreby, out in both games, but could not produce enough offense to challenge that of the Garnet Terror.

In both games of the doubleheader junior, Liz Billie, who is batting a sizzling .456, got the 'Berg offense going quickly by driving in a run in the first inning of both games. However, this was to be the extent of their run production as the doubleheader was lost, 10-1 and 4-1.

Billie's RBI triple in the first game was the 100th base hit of her spectacular three year career. Not to be outdone by her classmate, junior, Carey Hilton reached the same milestone just four innings later. Only six other players in Muhlenberg history have accomplished this feat.

Billie, very proud of her accomplishment, stated, "I really never expected it or thought about it, but it does make me feel like I have accomplished something." She was also concerned about the team, saying the team needs to "play more consistently and up to our athletic ability."

Sophomore Christine Biechy, batting .458 against Centennial Conference pitching, points out that the teams' need to "pull together in the final games, and play better defense." Fielding has definitely hurt the team, as they have committed 17 miscues in the field in their twelve conference games.

Despite the rough week, the Lady Mules are still at 7-5, and in fifth place in the Centennial Conference. They will try to bounce back this week as they travel westward to face Elizabethtown, then on to Gettysburg to face the nation's 22nd ranked team. On Monday they return home, for the final time this year, to take on Messiah in a doubleheader, beginning at 6 pm.

# Baseball team wins

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the Mules, and did well, striking out seven of the first 13 batters he faced. But again the Mules were unable to put runs on the board, and couldn't contain the Dickinson offense, who scored three runs in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Senior co-captain Steve Faella provided the only offense for the Mules with three hits, including a RBI triple in the sixth inning.

On Tuesday the Mules traveled to Swarthmore and finally broke the losing streak, taking the game by a final score of 13-10.

Freshman Seth Weinstein picked up his first collegiate win.

Muhlenberg jumped out to a fast start, scoring four runs in the first inning. Marcus Mattielli drove in two runs with a double.

The Mules ended strong, as well, scoring four in the ninth. Sophomore Chuck Draper drove in two with a double, and freshman Paul Luongo and senior Steve Faella each drove in a run.

The Mules led 13-6 going into the bottom of the ninth, but Swarthmore made a game of it, cutting the score to 13-10.

A weary Marc Lezinski, who had just pitched the night before, entered the game to record the final two outs and earn his first save.

The win brought the Mules' record to 6-19 on the season, and 3-8 in conference play.

Their next game is tomorrow, home, against Swarthmore at 3:30.

# ON TAP WITH THE MULES

**BASEBALL:**
Sat. 4/18 home vs. F & M @ 1:00
Tue. 4/21 at Haverford
Wed. 4/22 home vs. Moravian @ 5:00

**SOFTBALL:**
Sat. 4/18 at Gettysburg
Mon. 4/20 home vs. Messiah @ 6:00
Wed. 4/22 at College of New Jersey

**GOLF:**
Sun. 4/19 at District II Classic
Tue. 4/21 at Lehigh Valley Tournament

**LACROSSE:**
Tue. 4/21 at Drew
Thur. 4/23 home vs. Widener @ 4:00

**MEN'S TENNIS:**
Sat. 4/18 at Johns Hopkins
Mon. 4/20 at Washington
Wed. 4/22 at Ursinus

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:**
Sat. 4/18 at Johns Hopkins
Wed. 4/22 home vs. Ursinus @ 3:30

**TRACK & FIELD:**
Sat. 4/18 at Messiah

# Lacrosse team finally wins

## *Sudden death overtime 20-19 win gives Lady Mules a 1-8 record*

**by Eric Hilderbrand**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The Womens Lacrosse team earned their first win last Wednesday at home against Bryn Mawr. The Lady Mules defeated Bryn Mawr by a score of 20-19 in sudden death overtime. It was a long anticipated win for the team.

Bryn Mawr scored first and opened up an early lead of 2-0 before Muhlenberg responded with two goals of their own to tie the score with fifteen minutes left to play in the first half.

Bryn Mawr turned it up for the second part of the first half leaving the Mules with a three goal half-time deficit.

The Mules came out of half-time hungry and scored a quick two goals, bringing the game to within one. Bryn Mawr came back, however, with a fierce counter-attack scoring 4 goals in under five minutes, giving them their biggest lead of the day. The Muhlenberg Women refused to give up.

Led by freshman Miruna Lovin, who had a freshman record 7 points off 5 goals and 2 assists, the Mules answered Bryn Mawr with a 7-0 run, giving them a 13-11 lead with fifteen minutes to play in the game.

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| **Bryn Mawr** | **19** |

Like Muhlenberg, Bryn Mawr refused to stay down and regained the lead with almost eight minutes left in regulation. Bryn Mawr added another goal with 4:40 left in regulation bring the score to 13-15. Muhlenberg wouldn't give in and again answered the Bryn Mawr's offensive with its own offensive maneuvers, scoring 3 goals in only three and a half minutes to retake the lead with only eighteen seconds left to play.

The game was not over though, Bryn Mawr scored with only two seconds remaining sending the game into overtime.

Muhlenberg and Bryn Mawr traded goals, and then Bryn Mawr scored again with twelve seconds left, giving them a one goal lead. The Muhlenberg women's heart would not let them quit.

Mandy Sciarra won the draw and quickly passed to Sophomore Shannon Lowthar who scored with six seconds remaining.

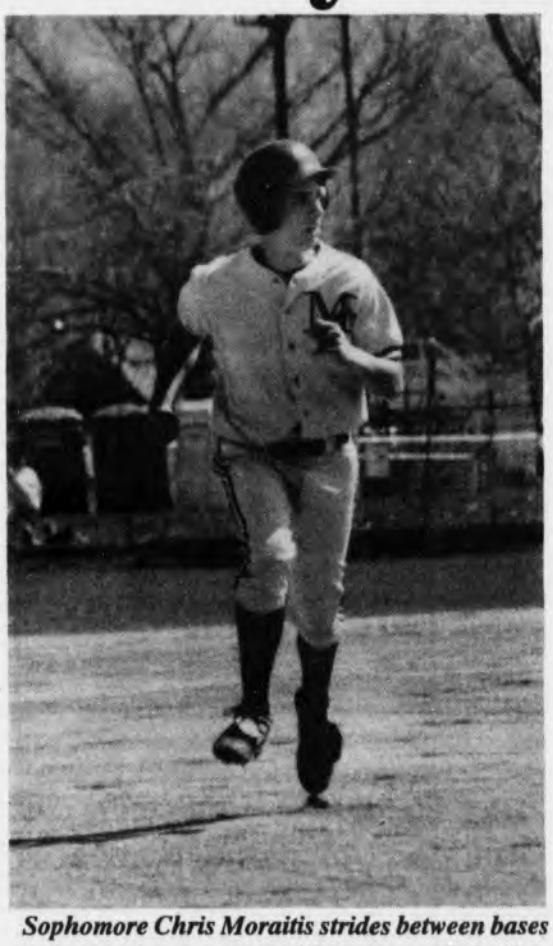
"I was nervous when I got the ball," Lowthar said, "but I knew it was going in."

Lowthar's goal sent the two teams into sudden death overtime. Halfway though the overtime, the Lady Mules finally became victorious. Allyson Crooks scored the winning goal off a pass from Miruna Lovin during a scripted offensive play. The goal was Crook's fourth of the day and fourteenth of the season.

The Mules' victory was led offensively by Lovin, Crooks, Lowthar and Junior Katie Kenny (3 goals and 3 assists), and was also a defensive victory. The Mules defense came up with several key stops led by Junior goalie Susan Heyel (11 saves) who had two key saves to preserve the victory.

Head Coach Laurie Kerr was happy to get her first win of the season. "They had to battle for the win, but they never gave up," Kerr said of the team. The girls' next game is Today at home at 4:00 vs. Susquehanna.

# Baseball team finally wins, too



***Sophomore Chris Moraitis strides between bases in a recent game. Moraitis is currently batting .358 with six doubles and 12 RBI's. Moraitis leads the team with 29 total hits.***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg baseball team finally broke out of its losing ways this week with a win over Swarthmore on Tuesday. Prior to the win, which was only the sixth on the season for the Mules, they had lost four straight games.

On April 8 the Mules took on Del Val and were shut out, 13-0. Sophomore Chris Owen took the loss for Muhlenberg, dropping his record to 1-2.

The Mules could only manage eight hits off the Del Val pitchers.

The lone Muhlenberg highlight was junior Marc Lezinski recording his 100th career strikeout. Lezinski is the 14th player in Muhlenberg history to reach the century mark in strikouts.

The Mules next squared off against Centennial Conference rival Dickinson. The opponent was different, but the result was the same, the Mules suffered a 9-1 defeat.

Lezinski started the game for

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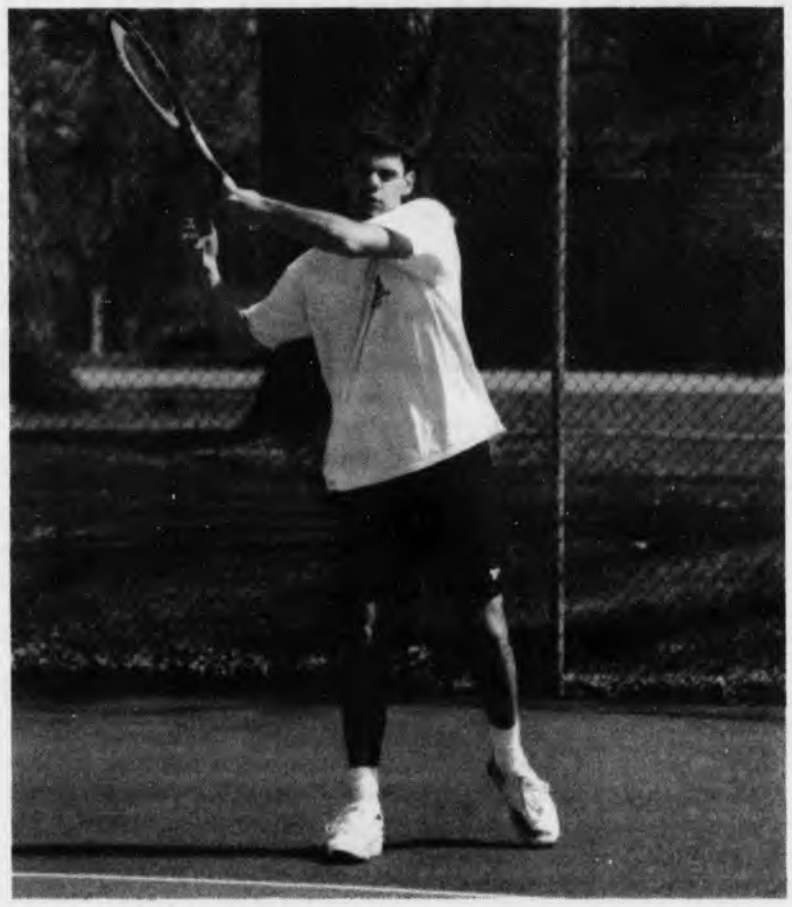

***Junior John Briner returns a serve in a recent match. Briner won his match in the Mules' 7-0 win over conference rival Dickinson. The Mules are currently 5-3, with a 3-2 Centennial Conference record.***

***The Weekly* is currently searching for a freshman or sophomore to assume the position of Assistant Sports Editor, and to eventually become the next Sports Editor. Anyone interested should call *The Weekly* at x3187 or stop by the office in the basement of ML during office hours.**

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# Dining room ceiling collapses inside of MILE House

## *No one injured, but students may need to think twice before moving in*

**by Larry Carney**
**Editor-in-Chief**

The dining room ceiling of a Muhlenberg Independent Living Experience (MILE) house at 423 N. 23rd Street collapsed on Thursday crushing a pool table. No one was injured in the event.

Director of Plant Operations, Mike Brewer believes that the age of the building caused the ceiling to fall down. "It's an older house. The plaster ceiling came down. It happens through use of the house." Brewer added that the nails no longer held the ceiling up because of vibrations.

Residents of the house claim that if they were in the room, they would have been seriously injured. Brian Teta, one of the residents in the house, said "There was no sign [ceiling falling down]. If someone was in the [dining] room, someone would have been killed."

Teta's roommate David Zielinski agrees. "Our house shook and knocked the cover off of the doorbell, which was on an unattached wall. If [the ceiling] can cut through the slate of a pool table, it could go through our heads."

Brewer disagrees. He claims, "[The residents] might have gotten a headache or a cut."

When informed of the comment, Teta said "If I HAD been in the room, the subsequent lawsuit would have been more than just a headache for the college."

Residents were allowed to move back in to their house on 423 North 23rd Street after Plant Operations deemed it safe the next day.

Brewer said, "We can't guarantee that the other ceilings are not going to fall. In our opinion, the ceilings are in good shape."

photo courtesy of Campus Safety

*Sheet rock falls from ceiling of MILE house*

Jason Carls, another roommate also claims that the contractors question the safety. Carls said, "I was told by the contractors that they would not allow their own families to be there."

The residents were placed in an abandoned MILE house formally occupied by Greek Coordinator Brian Mauro, while Plant Operations were assessing the damage. However according to the residents, they were given only mattresses to place on a dirty floor. The residents also were not given linens.

"They couldn't even put us up in a hotel, as they did for the residents of New West. It would have been the least they could do for putting us in a dangerous environment," said Teta.

Mahri Izzo, residence coordinator, responded to the incident for the housing department. She refused to put the residents in a hotel.

However, according to Assistant Director of Housing Don DeMaria that wasn't an option. "It's something that was temporary. We don't have the authority [to put them in a hotel]. If it was something more extensive, we would have considered it as an option," said DeMaria.

Zielinski also says that Izzo was not helpful in the situation. He said, "It seemed like it was too much work for her to find us places to live."

Vice-President of Planning and Administration Jim Steffy claims that students should not fear safety issues living in MILE houses. "I've taken great pride in what we have done with the houses. We have a reputation for going into a house and turning it around," he said.

Brewer agrees. He says that every semester houses are inspected and cleaned by the Plant Operations staff. When told of this Teta responded, "Well I guess they missed a spot..."

# College insignia linked to sweatshops

## *Muhlenberg College caps made in Dominican Republic*

**by Michael Ebert**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

An array of schools, including Harvard, Georgetown, Rutgers, Notre Dame, U.C.L.A., Cornell, UNC, and the University of Illinois, have all been connected to a Korean-owned firm called BJ&B. The firm, which is one of the most successful suppliers of baseball caps in the world, has recently been exposed as a sweatshop by its 19-year-old worker, Kenia Rodriguez.

Moreover, speculation of a link between Muhlenberg College and sweatshop labor in the Dominican Republic has recently surfaced.

"There is, in fact, a very good chance that some of the [Muhlenberg] College insignia baseball caps come from the Dominican sweatshop factories," said a Union of Needletrade, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE) Organizational representative.

According to UNITE and Rodriguez, only about 8 cents from each $20 BJ&B-produced cap is allocated for workers' wages. Through licensing agreements, the universities make about $1.50 per cap. Therefore, the bulk of the money, about $500,000 per year, goes to the apparel companies, like Champion and Starter, that market the caps.

So where does Muhlenberg College enter the picture? Well, nearly half of the caps sold in the 'Berg Bookstore are made in the Dominican Republic, including one which is, in fact, marketed by Champion. The probability of a link between Muhlenberg and BJ&B is, therefore, very prevalent.

When asked for a response on the alleged link, the bookstore was unable to effectively respond.

"No one here can help you or give you the information you need right now," said Bookstore secretary Jan Wilcox. She expected the necessary information to be available later in the week.

"I'm sure it is just Division One schools that are involved, and not Muhlenberg College," said Michael Bruckner, Muhlenberg College Vice President of Public Relations.

Champion also proved to be uncooperative on the issue. When questioned about the company's possible connection between Muhlenberg College and BJ&B, Champion associate Phil Simpkins replied, "That's none of your business. Such information is private and will not be released through Champion."

As the link, therefore, between Muhlenberg and sweatshop labor remains a mystery, the workplace conditions at BJ&B continue to raise controversy.

Rodriguez and another former employee of BJ&B, Roselio Reyes, 20, claimed that supervisors frequently yell at the workers, make degrading comments, hit them, and touch the women and girls inappropriately.

"Sometimes you find people crying in the corners because they were treated so badly," Reyes has said.

**see BOOKSTORE on page 3**

# College wins bleacher battle against Liberty Street neighbors

**By Louis Alloro**
**News Editor**

Two neighbors on Liberty Street had their lawsuit to stop the construction of the new stadium bleachers dismissed by a Lehigh County Judge last week.

Neighbors are upset that they were not notified of the replacement of the old bleachers, their chief complaint being that the newer, higher bleachers have hardly any spaces between risers for safety reasons.

Larry and Priscilla Scheetz of 2427 Liberty Street and Shawn M. and Mary Wickkiser Erie of 2449 Liberty Street said that the new stands will block sunlight and air to their homes.

The new bleachers will replace the College home-stands, currently located in the same spot along Liberty Street, as part of the $2.2 million renovation to the 92-year-old Mules stadium. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

College officials said they took appropriate action to extend the new bleachers to the sidewalk by applying to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance.

The Erie's claim the neighbors were not made aware of the board's meeting to review the variance until that evening. While walking their dog, they saw a small flier posted on one of the bleacher's posts.

"Because of the new eight-lane, all-weather track, it is impossible not to expand the sidewalk," said Jim Steffy, Vice President for Planning and Administration.

The zero foot setback was questioned by the neighbors who felt as if they should have been consulted before the variance was passed.

"We all bought homes knowing the bleachers were there," said Mary Erie. "But if the bleachers are enclosed and extended to the sidewalk, it will look like a tractor-trailer sitting across the street,"

**see BLEACHERS on page 4**

# Nationline

complied by Jenny-Lynn Knotek, Assistant News Editor

**Hollywood**—Disney has invested in a Japanese filmmaker. With Takuma Shoten Publishing Company, Disney will help distribute Tonari Yamada, translated as The Yamadas Next Door. Disney is paying 1.6 billion yen in production cost ($12 million); this is the first time a Hollywood studio has put up money to produce a Japanese film.

**New York City**—The Indigo Girls are headlining a concert next Monday. It will help benefit Slam!, an activist group concerned with keeping tobacco money out of music. Leslie, Michelle Malone and Marilyn 5 are also scheduled to appear.

**Atlanta, Ga.**—Culture Club is reuniting after 13 years. Boy George will be reintroduced on VH1 during the program Storytellers on June 14. The '80s Brit pop band had hits including Karma Chameleon and Do You Really Want to Hurt Me? The tour starts in Atlanta on July 23, then continues to North Carolina, Virginia, and New York.

**Miami, Fl.**—A black police officer was sentenced to one year probation, after resisting arrest in an illegal traffic stop by white officers in Orange County in April of 1997. Aaron Campbell claimed he was stopped because his race and license fit the profile of a drug suspect. The arresting officers claimed they stopped him for changing lanes without signaling and having an obscured license plate. Miami-Dade police say Campbell will be able to return to his job, probably with full pay.

**Minnesota**—Joe Camel's creator testified against the tobacco industry, denying that the purpose of the camel was to lure underage smokers. Lynn Beasley said her intent was to change the company's image from a harsh, bad-tasting cigarette. The state of Minnesota and Blue Cross/Blue Shield are seeking $1.77 billion spent on treating smoking-related illness.

**Oklahoma City, Ok.**—Terry Nichols has promised not to profit from the bombing of the federal building in 1995. He said in an affidavit that anyone who thinks he would profit does not know him. If he ever did sell his story, proceeds would benefit the survivors. Nichols is still awaiting his sentence.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Seventy thousand workers in downtown Nashville returned to work today. Building and skyscrapers were patched with plywood and tarpaulins after the tornadoes which shut down the office district for three days.

**California**--Twelve thousand gallons of napam arrived at China Lake Naval Weapons Center in California after being turned away from an Indiana recycling plant. The napalm had left California on April 11, but the recycler backed out of the deal, claiming political protests. Officials said they are still looking for another recycler.

**New York**--The New York State Assembly is being sued for $11 million by a Mary Helou, a secretary who claims she was fired because she had a baby. Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene denies these claims.

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# Campus Safety Notes:

## *Man caught masturbating near sorority houses*

**compiled by Emily Pannebaker**

4/13/98 - Exposure and Open Ludeness - N. Leh St. - white male driving a car reduced speed around sorority houses and masturbating - Campus Safety identified the vehicle license number, and turned the case over to the Allentown Police - do not know if the man has been criminally charged yet

4/13/98 - Fire Alarm - Trexler - candles used for class demonstration - fines have been ordered

4/14/98 - Harassment - ML - student on student - referred to the Dean's Office

4/14/98 - Suspicious Vehicle and Found Property - Off Campus - Campus Safety discovered a car at the corner of Albright and Chew St., and followed it into the city - the license plate number indicated the plate was stolen - the car is suspected to have broken into a student's car parked on 26th St. (*see next case*) and may be associated with the vandalism of 2 other non-student vehicles

4/14/98 - Vandalism to Vehicle - 26th St. - window smashed, associated with previous case

4/14/98 - Theft - Trumbower 230 - Besbal balance

4/14/98 - Theft - East - student suspected to have stolen 3 $50 bills, 1 roll of quarters, Diet Pepsi, a box of Oreos, and cigarettes from a student's room

4/14/98 - Fire Alarm - Hillside - air freshener

4/15/98 - Vandalism - ML parking lot - parked college vans struck by another vehicle

4/15/98 - Harassment by Communication - ATO - student on student - referred to the Dean's Office

4/15/98 - Trespass - TKE - students involved - referred to the Dean's Office

4/15/98 - Fire Alarm - Brown - residents melting beeswax

4/16/98 - Fire Alarm - ML 1st floor west - pulled by a female Jefferson Elementary student during their field day

4/16/98 - Theft of Services - Campus Safety HQ - student has not paid bill from cosmetics bought from a student at Lehigh Univ. - referred to the Dean's Office

4/16/98 - Information - 423 N. 23rd St. - building damage - section of ceiling fell

4/17/98 - Vandalism - ML - key card access sensor - north door

4/17/98 - Harassment by Communication - ML - think it's student on student - still investigating

4/17/98 - Theft - ML - 2 boxes of Ice Pops from the freezer in the Underground

4/17/98 - Suspicious Activity - Off Campus - driver of older modeled cream colored camper with brown and orange stripe followed student from Brewer's Outlet in Bethlehem to campus

4/18/98 - Theft - Seegers Union - GQ - bags of chips - attempting to identify individuals

4/18/98 - Vandalism - Trumbower - trash can and wooden frame

4/18/98 - Vandalism - ML - metal

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# "Kiss" a senior goodbye? FIND A SENIOR A JOB!!!

## OCDP still here to help

by Jodi Stark
*Weekly* Staff Writer

The current job market for Muhlenberg seniors looks very promising. Much of this success can be attributed to the efforts of the Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP) to assure that students that students are well-prepared for the job world. The office works with students from their freshman through senior year, assisting them in defining career options.

*OCDP associate director Ambrose*

According to Julie Ambrose, associate director of OCDP, "As an office we try to emphasize and develop job skills." The office always leaves its door open for any questions or concerns, and runs many programs throughout the year to help the students in their job search.

This year, the office began with a Senior Wake-Up Call by publicizing the importance of preparing early for Graduate School and job searches.

The Super Career Campaign, initiated by President Taylor, was another program offered to all students. This day-long career conference stimulated students to begin thinking about future career options. The day also provided many networking opportunities which Ambrose said is key in planning a future.

A new program has been developed this year called Quick Turnaround. As the people working in Career Development see "hot jobs" that seniors may be interested in, they advertise these offers to seniors with a quick turnaround deadline for submission. So far, it has proved to be very successful.

"Through this program, we've seen wonderful results," said Lynda Garow, the Director of the office.

The office firmly believes that preparation is a key factor in successful interviewing, which is of vital importance when applying for a position.

As a result, students are given the opportunities to participate in Mock Interviews. Offered upon request throughout the year, it is a simulation of a true employment or graduate school interview.

Because a position is not on the line, it gives students a chance to try their skills in a non-threatening environment and receive feedback.

Garow discussed the success of this program.

"One student didn't feel as if her interviews were going well, so we practiced the skills entailed, and her next interview went very well. No sooner had she arrived home that she had a job offer," she said.

Employers who hired Muhlenberg students for internships and permanent jobs are coming back to express that they made the right decision when asking these students to work for their company.

The employer of *Life Path*, a non-profit organization located in Bethlehem, hired Muhlenberg senior Tom O'Mara as an intern. O'Mara's boss was so impressed with him that he told Muhlenberg that if he could have three students like O'Mara every semester, he would be thrilled.

The office stresses taking advantage of their services from the immediate entrance into the college.

Garow said, "We have been visible to some students throughout their entire time at Muhlenberg. Some begin preparing their resumes as early freshman year."

Muhlenberg senior Greg Polsky finds OCDP very useful. "I was constantly updated on any programs or job offerings. The office can be a great aid if you take advantage of it."

Many seniors are currently debating between multiple job offers.

"Students who have been waiting all year now have the task of deciding between a few different companies," Ambrose said.

Many students who interned at corporations for multiple summers are now receiving permanent offers.

"This time of year is fun because I enjoy seeing the year's results. We are now working with students about negotiating salaries and choosing between job offers," Garow said.

## Preparing yourself for the 'real world'

by Heather Marko
*Weekly* Contributor

Many recent college graduates get out into the real world with no idea of how things work. They expect that going to work is like going to class — if they don't show up one day, the person in charge will get over it. They get involved in office politics after the first week., and spend their entry-level paycheck as if it belonged to Bill Gates, forgetting about "minor" things like food, rent and loan payments.

Lots of people graduate with so many student loans that they think they'll be in debt forever. The secret to making sure that's not true is having a budget, according to Barbara J. Mende. In Managing Your Career, a career magazine published by the Wall Street Journal, Mende states that "by becoming a smart money manager, you can avoid bounced checks and angry creditors, and still have a few bucks left to enjoy life".

But how do you do that? First of all, try not to make too many big purchases right out of school. A TV here, a new outfit there, dinner at a fancy restaurant — those things can add up and leave you with a lot less money than you thought you previously had. Your $25,000 salary may sound like a lot, but it isn't, especially if you're buying stuff left and right. Car payments, loan payments, and rent can eat it up in no time.

You should also pay off your credit card bills ASAP so you won't have that debt holding you down. High interest rates can suck up your money faster than you'd believe. Senior Michael Gavrich said, "I tend to pay at least the minimum balance, and if I get an offer for a card with a lower interest rate, I transfer my balance to save on interest charges. As soon as I feel comfortable financially, I'll increase my monthly payment or pay off the whole balance to save money in the long run."

Furthermore, you might be able to save some more money if you decide to live at home. Sure, it means dealing with your parents who still might not be able to comprehend that their baby is grown up. Yes, it means you won't be living in a "cool" apartment like Monica and Rachel on Friends. But even if you pay your parents rent, unless they're attempting to make a profit off of you, it will cost less.

Of course, lots of people don't want to live with their parents, and instead decide to get an apartment of their own. The smartest and cheapest way to do this is to live with a roommate. Brian Teta '98, who is planning to work in the television industry after he graduates, said, "I'm planning to move to Manhattan and get an apartment there. I'm going to have a roommate, since it's a lot cheaper to split the cost of rent than to pay it all myself."

Now that you've figured out how you're going to spend, or not spend, the money you're making, you have to keep making it. This means keeping your job. There is tons of advice out there on how to get your boss to love you. Here are a few tips:

- Don't be helpless. Your high school teachers said it over and over again: "They're not going to spoon feed you in college!" Maybe you managed to find people who would, but when it comes to having a real job, you should believe the teachers. You need to figure out how to do things on your own, because your boss isn't going to jump at the opportunity to help you. "Whether it's a new computer application, product, process or policy, don't wait for someone else to train you on it," says Donald Asher in Managing Your Career. If you get a reputation as someone who can do things without needing constant supervision, people will trust you with bigger and better responsibilities, which could lead to a bigger and better position, and, therefore, a bigger and better salary.

- Don't get involved in office politics. I had an internship once where two of the women who worked in my office absolutely despised each other. They made catty remarks behind each other's backs and expected the rest of the office to take sides. The boss knew about their feud, and both of them got called into his office regularly. If I had taken sides, I would have made myself a part of their bad behavior. Involving yourself, however, doesn't exactly endear you to the boss.

- Don't stop networking. I know, I know. You thought that you now had a job, and that you wouldn't have to call people and suck up anymore. Sorry to break it to you, but that 30-years-at-one-job milestone your mom reached isn't going to happen for you. You'll probably change jobs more than once, and all those OCDP strategies can help you with it. So don't toss the little black book with all your networking contacts.

Of course, these strategies aren't just for new employees. Take a look at Gavrich's post-Muhlenberg plans: "I'm pursuing an MBA, because I feel it will make me more marketable and financially secure in the business world." Whether you're moving on to work, grad school, or something entirely different, it's always a good idea to keep an eye on how what you're doing now will affect your future.

## Sweatshops linked to Muhlenberg?

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"They won't even allow us to have clean water," Rodriguez said. "Instead, it comes from a cistern... and many people become sick from it."

Furthermore, Reyes and Rodriguez reported that workers are often forced to work overtime, which is illegal in the Dominican Republic.

Yet even with a dozen hours of overtime, a typical BJ&B employee will still only make about $40, which, according to Rodriguez, is not even half the amount needed to live on.

According to Harvard University trademark program administrator Rick Calixto, however, Champion views the conditions at BJ&B much differently.

"Champion claims that, as far as it is concerned, the conditions are not as deplorable as workers have described them," said Calixto.

Currently, the two former employees of BJ&B have come to the United States to visit several of the well-known universities that benefit from the sale of caps made by the firm.

"They are here to put the light of day on the problem," said UNITE Director of Industrial Development Steven Weingarten. "Sweatshops are hidden and they proliferate as long as they remain hidden." *The Weekly*, however, was unable to reach Reyes and Rodriguez for further comment.

# German Dept. celebrates German Studies Week

## *Two guest lecturers address community with real world issues*

**by Heather Brown**
***Weekly* Contributor**

As part of German Studies Week, Muhlenberg's German Department recently hosted two guest lecturers.

On Wednesday, March 25, Dr. Leroy Hopkins of the German Department at Millersville University spoke to Muhlenberg students and faculty on "The Racialised Self: The German Encounter with Africa."

Dr. Barthold Witte, a retired German Undersecretary of State for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Affairs, spoke about the political, cultural, economic and social implications of moving Germany's capital from Bonn to Berlin on Monday, March 30.

Hopkins' lecture focused on the image of Africans in the German culture from the year 1500 to the present.

Witte is a longtime friend of Muhlenberg. Monday's lecture was his second visit to the campus in three years, and he will return again in May 1999.

Witte will receive an honorary degree from Muhlenberg at its 150th Commencement celebration.

As a citizen of the city of Bonn and a retired German Ambassador, Witte is certainly able to view Germany's current situation from all angles.

In 1991, the German Bundestag ended a bitter debate regarding where the home of a reunified Germany should be. By a narrow margin, the vote was to move the capital back to Berlin by the year 1994. Unanticipated complications pushed that date back until 1999, and both Bonn and Berlin are currently in the brunt of the transition.

The decision to move the capital is especially difficult for the city of Bonn, and a number of provisions were included in order to make the transition possible.

Not only will a large part of the government move to Berlin, but some 25,000-35,000 businesses along with it. In order to avoid a major unemployment crisis in Bonn, the Bundestag appropriated three billion DM to be used in aiding research, business telecommunication and several other programs in Bonn. New workplaces are making their homes in Bonn, and eight of the eighteen ministries (including Defense, Agriculture, and Research) will remain in the former capital. Additionally, several federal agencies are transferring out of Berlin and Frankfurt to Bonn.

Witte addressed the notion that Berlin will gain major profit from this move. He suggested that Berlin needs new and fresh impulses to once again become a large, international center. Furthermore, housing Germany's capital in the heart of the former East Germany will help the East Germans to integrate, mentally and psychologically above all else, into a reunited Germany.

Germany's Bundestag will move to Berlin by the year 1999, the Chancellor will move to provisional offices in Berlin in the same year, and the ten remaining ministries are scheduled to make the transition between the Fall of 1999 and the Spring of 2001.

The date of these transitions is quite symbolic: Chancellor Helmut Kohl stresses the importance of being in the new capital for the new millennium.

Witte sees the transition of Germany's capital from Bonn to Berlin as beneficial to Germany, Europe, transatlantic relations, and to the world.

# Interesting things behind Benfer

*Pat Bradt's Environmental Science class "cleans up" 'Berg's act*

**by Matthew Hittinger**
***Weekly* Contributor**

In conjunction with Plant Operations—who supplied containers, gloves and waste removal gear—Dr. Bradt's Environmental Science II class cleaned up the wooded area behind Benfer for an on-campus solid waste inventory.

In an hour and a half, these dedicated students collected over 223 pounds of waste, 147 of which were recyclable materials including 127 pounds of glass and 16 pounds of aluminum. One can imagine what sort of beverages were in those non-recycled containers, and the class strongly urges the students of Benfer to stop throwing their trash off the balconies into the wooded hill.

Along with the class, Dr. Bradt displayed her disgust: "I was appalled at the amount of trash we had, especially the percentage of things that were recyclable."

Collected wastes will be on display in Seegers, includes beer balls, perfectly good sneakers, compact disks, trays and dishes tennis balls, golf balls, lighters, and wood.

Members of the class included Amy Armbruster, Lorene Bench, Suzannah Christy, Nicole Hendrickson, Matthew Hittinger, Mike Hoffman, Chris Katrinak, Holly Litak, David Sperry, Aimee VanEenennaam, and Lauren Weisenberger.

# Stadium bleachers upset neighbors

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her husband Shawn said.

After oral arguments were made by the neighbors' lawyer, James G. Kellar and the college's lawyer, Maxwell E. Davison, on April 9, the college pressed Judge Lawrence J. Brenner to resolve the suit quickly. The construction was scheduled to begin immediately, in order to be finished by football training in August.

Under minimum standards set by the officials who set the city's building codes, stadium bleachers are considered satisfactory if the space between risers is no more than four inches. The new bleachers will be have horizontal openings of three and a half inches, and vertical openings of two inches under the seat.

"We must abide by the legislation that has been passed since the original construction in 1939," Steffy said. "Our manufacturer can not provide greater openings than this."

Neighbors also suggested switching the locations of the home stand and the visitors stand across the field. College officials knocked the idea out because of the Plant Operations building which would stand in the way.

Neighbors continue to be upset and are discussing appeal possibilities. "The cost of the appeal is what is holding us back," Shawn Erie said.

The college has attempted to appease the neighbors by altering the original plans to lower the height of the stands by a couple of rows. The press box will also be reduced from two levels to one.

"Unlike some of our other neighbors," Erie said, "I have never had a problem with the college until this unfortunate incident."

Steffy said the neighbors should embrace the renovations. "If anything, they will have something better to look at."

Despite the neighbors, Steffy said plans will continue because the college has a timetable to keep.

Steffy was smiling as he commented that "this is the first time the city is in agreement with the college," referring to the housing ordinance other neighbors have recently passed through city council.

# Many reports from Prosser Hall on west side

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air duct removed from men's bathroom on first floor
4/18/98 - Theft - Prosser Dr. - stop sign and post
4/18/98 - Vandalism - Seegers Union men's bathroom first floor - smashed thermometer and removed soap dispenser
4/18/98 - Injured Visitor - Chew St. - arm injury from a fall
4/18/98 - Alcohol - East Quad - underage possession of alcohol - AFTER East Fest - referred to the Dean's Office
4/18/98 - Vandalism - Prosser - 2 white boards and a piece of wood from the door
4/18/98 - Sick Student - Prosser - cuts on finger of left hand
4/19/98 - False Alarm/Underage Drinking/Criminal Arrest - Walz - Michael Cohen arrested for "false alarms of an agency of public safety" and underage consumption of alcohol - referred to the Dean's Office
4/19/98 - Medical Transport - ML - head injury
4/19/98 - Investigate - ML - check on the welfare of a student threatening to injure themselves
4/19/98 - Disorderly Conduct and Disturbance - ML - referred to the Dean's Office
4/19/98 - Vandalism - CA - a student's painting
4/20/98 - Lost Keys - College Center - now found
4/20/98 - Information - CA - damage to door into CA
4/20/98 - Lost Keys - CA
4/21/98 - Theft - Seegers Union - yellow coat and $30 cash
4/21/98 - Vandalism to Vehicle - CA west lot - stone or other object broke driver's side mirror

# Around Campus

**compiled by**
**Amy Kern**

**Kiss a Senior Good-bye!** For only 25 cents, send a message and a kiss to your favorite seniors to say good-bye and to wish them luck in their future. Sign up in Seegers Union on April 21, 22, and 23 from 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. and 5-6 P.M.

**Delta Zeta** would like to congratulate Melissa Catalanello, Jessica Gerson, Lauren Marra, Katie Mattis, Carolyn Nurnberg and everyone else who participated in the **Emerging Leaders Program**. Great job!

There will be a meeting for any juniors interested in the **Peace Corps** on Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 P.M. in the Curric Lab of the Library. Call x3294 for details.

**Muses** will be holding their **Spring Edition Party and Poetry Reading** on Tuesday, April 28 in the Underground from 8-10 P.M. Any questions/comments, contact Matthew X4212 or Sharon 821-4951.

**The Muhlenberg College Biology Seminar Series present** "Student Perspectives from the Peruvian Amazon" on Thursday, April 23 at 3:45 P.M. in Shankweiler 109.

**The Muhlenberg Dancers** will perform on April 23-25 at 8 P.M. in the Center for the Arts.

**Benfer Bash** is back at Benfer! It will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 2-8 P.M. there will be games, a velcro wall, a dunk tank, sumo wrestling, dinner, a band, etc. The event is BYOB for those 21 and over.

**Jefferson Field Day** will be held on Thursday, April 30. Come out and support the event!

**Delta Zeta** would like to congratulate Sara Monaco on getting pinned. We love you, Sara!

**The Weekly** thanks all those who participated in the Journalism Writing Workshop last Sunday. Writers from *The Morning Call* offered professional insight which was beneficial to all who attended.

Don't Forget! **Housing Lottery** this Sunday, April 26 in The Life Sports Center.

***Send submissions for* Around Campus *to Amy Kern at Box 1739***

# "Action Jackson" wins prestigous national mathematics award

## *Fifteen year old sophomore intends to graduate with dual degrees in art and science*

**by Michael Ebert**
**assisted by Ainsley Lamberton**
***Weekly* Staff Writers**

Muhlenberg sophomore Jackson Mayo is only fifteen years old, yet recently won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

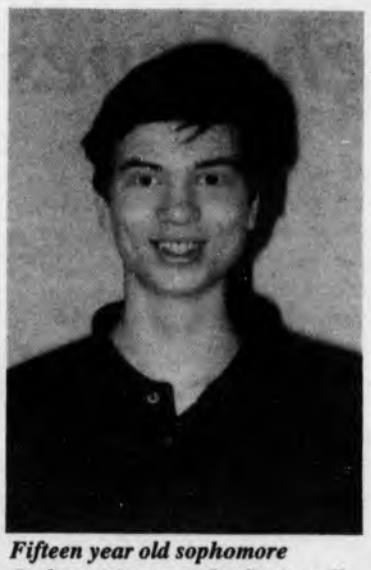
Mayo was one of 300 recipients, as 1200 undergraduates applied for the prestigious scholarship.

Nominated by Muhlenberg Mathematics Professor Robert Stump, Mayo was awarded the scholarship on the basis of his potential and intention to pursue a career in mathematics and sciences. For consideration, Mayo was required to assemble a thorough application which included his college record as well as an essay.

Mayo was awarded this scholarship for outstanding potential and intention to pursue a career in mathematics, natural sciences, or engineering.

"Jackson is a very well motivated and indutrious student," noted Stump. "He always seems to read beyond what is required in class, and finds material that is supplemental to what is being taught."

The award was presented to Mayo during an Honors Convocation in Muhlenberg's Egner Chapel on Sunday, April 19. In addition to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, Mayo was also awarded the Robert W. Edythe M. Mull Award for Excellence in Mathematics and the Novartis Endowed Science Scholars Program Award.



***Fifteen year old sophomore Jackson Mayo says he fits in well with the Muhlenberg College community***

Currently, Mayo is a Math and Physics double major, and is very satisfied with the academics of Muhlenberg as well as the school's atmosphere.

Although he is the youngest student at Muhlenberg by nearly two years, Mayo says he fits in well with the college community.

"I get along well with the students and faculty, and it really doesn't make a difference to me [that I'm younger]," said Mayo.

Stump said that Mayo adds a unique dynamic to Muhlenberg.

When asked of his goals after graduating, Mayo replied, "I hope to discover the theory of everything." According to Mayo, the theory of everything is a single theory of physical reality that will unify all natural phenomenon.

He also plans to attend graduate school to further study math and physics. Then he hopes to pursue a doctorate in teaching research.

At the moment, Jackson is looking for a dual degree from Muhlenberg, which is more than just the normal 34 credits. In order to get his bachelor's degrees in science and in arts, he has to take 43 courses.

Mayo said, however, "All that I do represents my spheres of interest. I hope to combine my achievements in math and physics as much as possible, and Muhlenberg is helping me do just that."

# Taylor's assistant will be sorely missed

## *Maggie Gilburg and family will relocate to Asia this summer*

**by Chris Remishofsky**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

At the conclusion of the academic year, Muhlenberg College will be losing an important behind-the-scenes personality, Assistant to the President, Maggie Gilburg.

Recent recipient of the Chairman's Award, which was presented by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. David Long, Gilburg was honored for her remarkable work and distinguished service to the Muhlenberg Community.

"Maggie Gilburg is one of the brightest, most competent, and irreplacable people I have ever met," said Dean Curtis Dretsch. "She made Arthur Taylor cry when she announced that she would be leaving the college," added Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations.

The role of the President's Assistant is to manage the office of the President, provide professional support, coordinate events, presidential responses, and work closely with the Board of Trustees.

"She puts a high polish on everything that leaves this office," said Marla O'Connor, presidential secretary.

Gilburg began work at the college in a temporary position at the same time Taylor took office. The office was being reorganized to accommodate President Taylor's energetic, aggressive style, and an assistant with a professional background that was consistent with his own business and leadership style was needed.

"President Taylor is sometimes difficult to read," said Dotty Kitlar, presidential secretary, "but she is Arthur's perfect right hand person."

After graduating from Carleton College with a degree in English, Gilburg took a job with the Los Angeles Arts Council.

She went back to school at South Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, to obtain a degree in Arts and Business Administration.

During her final semester, Gilburg accepted an internship position at the Institute for Contemporary Art at Penn, where she heard about an opening for an assistant director of development at the Allentown Art Museum. One year later, she was ready for yet another change, finally brining her to her current position.

"Muhlenberg College is very similar in structure to other non-profit organizations like art museums," Gilburg said.

"Each institution has a very distinct mission to provide the best program that they are able to provide within their means."

Gilburg has formed a strong team to head the college.

"I love Muhlenberg College. I have come to respect how Muhlenberg is distinctive from other institutions" said Gilburg. "I am sad to say good-bye to such a strong, unique institution."

This summer, Gilburg will be moving to Asia with her family, after the arrival of her second child in August. Gilburg's husband is involved in international sales and his market is currently in Asia.

She and her family will be settling in Tokyo or Hong Kong, where she plans to spend time with her children and do some free lance writing.

"Eventually, I hope to go back to an institution which has such a distinct definition of itself and a unique vision for the future."

"Maggie has been extremely valuable not only to this office, but to the college as a whole. She is perfect in every way," said O'Connor and Kitlar about their colleague. "She will be sorely missed and a hard act to follow."

# Taylor gives President's Award to Dance Ensemble

**by Elizabeth Page**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The Presidents Award was recently given to the Muhlenberg Dance Ensemble. This award is given to the group that he feels has the most positive influence in the Muhlenberg community.

In order to be eligible for the award, each organization must fill out an application, sent to each club's president and faculty advisor. It is then up to the group to decide if they will apply for the award. This year, four organizations applied; the number usually stays around seven or eight.

In actuality, the applications first go through the Dean of Students' Office, who consolidates them for the president before he makes a decision. However, according to Dean Rudy Ehrenberg, his office only reviews them, it does not eliminate possibilities. He also adds that "all of the organizations were worthy of receiving this award;" however, all groups cannot win, no matter how close the competition.

The dance ensemble is composed of a broad scope of students ranging from freshman to seniors, men and women. The number of members shifts from performance to performance, but is usually around forty students.

Junior Elmer Moore feels that the group has made such a positive influence because they "travel and teach dance to people as well as perform at various places."

Another extension of the club is its trips to local schools, to do creative movement with the students.

President Taylor said, "the dance ensemble makes a terrific contribution to the college and to the greater community. Under Karen Dearborn's direction it has become a first rate company and I appreciate it very much."

# All faculty up for tenure receive promotion

**by Jenny Lynn Knotek**
**Assistant News Editor**

The tenure process at Muhlenberg College for the 1997-1998 academic year has been completed. Seven candidates were put before the President and Dean of Students, and all seven were granted tenure this week: Karen Dearborn, Dance; Marjorie Haas, Philosophy; Jamie Doren, Accounting; Giacomo Gambino, Political Science; Patrice DiQuinzio, Philosophy; Richard Niesenbaum, Biology; and William Abruzzi, Sociology/Anthropology.

"This is the most significant decision in a professor's career," said Dr. Kathryn Wixon, head of the Faculty Evaluation Committee. "It is what we all strive for."

An eighth candidate, David Tafler of the Communication Department withdrew his application from the Faculty Evaluation Committee at the last moment. Reasons for this are skeptical, yet unknown.

The entire process is much more onerous and delicate than students may assume, according to Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty. It is not simply observation and evaluation.

Tenure at Muhlenberg is usually granted to full-time assistant professors, although associate professors who are not tenured are also eligible. It is based upon four components, in order of importance: teaching, professional activities, service to the college and community, and commitment to the goals of the college.

Service to the college includes a faculty member's participation in various activities, such as advisor roles, attendance at college events, and committee service. Commitment to the goals of the college is a little more vague; this involves respecting other faculty members' points of view, and being open to the debate of various issues. Also, it is the commitment to the growth of the student as a whole, beyond the classroom. This commitment is

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# East Fest is successful last weekend

## *Students have high hopes for Benfer Bash*

*Students enjoy jousting on East Quad, one of the activities provided for the day-long festivities included in last weekend's East Fest.*

**by Jillian Lovejoy**
**Entertainment Editor**

Ahh, the merriment of spring.

Warm weather makes students flock to grassy areas such as Brown Beach and the East Quad. Attitudes are visibly more relaxed as the sun raises higher in the sky.

Classes are notoriously attended less frequently and that research paper somehow seems a little less important than that game of frisbee golf.

Girls are tanning and guys are playing horseshoes, and students of both sexes are barbquing their own dinners as opposed to eating the culinary delights offered on campus.

In fact, pretty much everything seems to be out on hiatus as soon as the weather gets warmer and we all feel that shorts are appropriate to wear.

Even administration isn't afraid to let down their proverbial hair, allowing events like East Fest and Benfer Bash to take place.

In fact, these two events are very popular with students, as they provide a party atmosphere with as little supervision as could be expected from our "caring and involved Muhlenberg family."

Basically, the rules are this: you can have a reasonably good time without worrying about Campus Safety or your R.A. entering and ending everybody's good time. For two days the college trusts us to behave as the adults that we all like to consider ourselves.

We were given this chance for the first time this year last Saturday from 4 until 9pm when East Fest took place in the East Quad.

Events were laser tag, joust, a performance from the band *Honey Buzzards*, and drinking (BYOB for those over 21, of course—the bracelet policy was strictly adhered to).

Also featured was the successful Student Athlete Auction, sponsored by Student Council, where athletes could be "purchased" by other students for various activities.

"The band Honey Buzzards were very good, and I had so much fun, but the party seemed to end after the Student Athlete Auction, which was a little disappointing, to say the least," said Erin Burke, a sophomore. "Nevertheless, I thought it was far better than last year's East Fest."

"I had a great time at East Fest," said senior Brian Teta. "It was a lot of fun—I particularly enjoyed being able to walk around the East Quad with an open beer."

A barbeque on the Quad replaced the gourmet delights of the Garden Room for dinner.

Coming up this Saturday, Benfer Bash will be held behind Benfer, as opposed to in front of the Haas building as was first stipulated.

Benfer Bash was not going to be "on location" due to the construction on the CA.

However, as Benfer R.A.s pointed out to administration, this construction has not yet begun.

Therefore, not having Benfer Bash behind the building would be ridiculous, if not asinine.

"I'm really glad that circumstances prevailed and that Benfer Bash isn't at Haas. Not having the Bash at Benfer would completely defeat the purpose of the event. People would have probably still attended, but only briefly and to show their support but just to keep it alive for next year," said sophomore Louis Alloro.

While Benfer Bash will provide the same type of atmosphere as East Fest, the past few years have paled in comparison to the event's hallowed days of old.

As some seniors might recollect, previous Benfer Bash's have been more of a free-for-all; a school wide party with a *Lord of the Flies* type of anarchy.

As legend has it, past students have reportedly participated in antics such as jumping off of the 3rd floor balcony.

This, and other incidents forced Benfer Bash to be eliminated for one year, to "teach students a lesson."

Since then, the properly chastised students have been able to enjoy Benfer Bash, though the reins have been significantly tightened.

"Last year's Benfer Bash was one of the best times ever," said junior John Burke. "I thoroughly enjoyed myself, which I plan to do again this year."

"I'm looking forward to this year's Benfer Bash. It'll be nice to spend one of my last weekends here with some of my good friends who have suites there," said Ellen Gerber, a sophomore.

Regardless, the college wishes to stress that their BYOB policy will be enforced.

All students over 21 can bring a either a six pack or 4 wine coolers and a cup to the event, which must be checked in with officials running it. No bottles will be permitted on the premisis.

Despite the logistics and the supposed stricter rules of Benfer Bash, administration and Campus Safety will hardly be breathing down student's necks.

"Last year Safety was present at Benfer Bash, probably just to make sure things didn't get out of line. They were not nearly as strict as they seem when they're busting regular wekend dorm or fraternity parties," said Mark Koup, a junior R.A. in M.L. "Their presence was felt, but wasn't oppressive in the least. I still was able to have a good time."

With the positive feedback received from East Fest, Benfer Bash is expected to be equally well attended.

Events such as these deserve the excellent attendance that they receive. For two weekends during the year, students are treated as they would like to be.

The success of them is an attestment to this: when the college takes a more laissez-faire approach to governing us, we prove our maturity by acting responsibly.

*Third year student Elmer Moore Jr. enjoys a game of moonwalk laser tag with friends last Saturday on East Quad.*

# The phenomenon of frisbee golf explained

## *Find out why the sport has become an obsession*

**by Ellen Gerber**
**Asst Entertainment Editor**

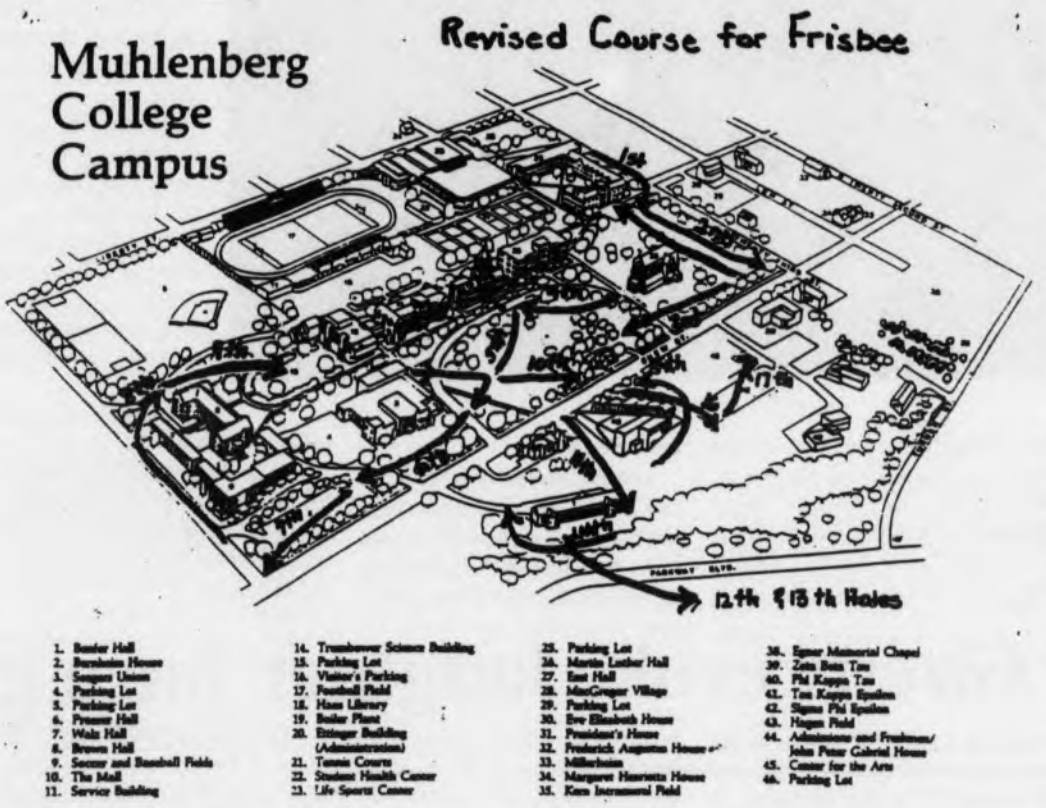
With the arrival of Spring comes sunny days, blooming flowers, blossoming trees and on Muhlenberg's campus, a plethora of frisbees flying through the air faster than polin. There is no doubt that Spring has arrived on Muhlenberg's campus when one cannot walk down academic row during the day, without ducking an oncoming frisbee, or go to bed at night without hearing the calls of guys playing this legendary game.

I say legendary because no one on campus is really sure how far back the game dates. Senior Mike Queenan explained that although he has heard that the game may date back forty years or so, he is sure that "it at least dates back to 1985 when there was a frisbee golf club [on campus]."

Though the date of the arrival of this game, onto campus is unknown, the format of the game on this campus is pretty rigid. There is a specific course that is followed by all players. The course spans the entire campus and the object of the game is to throw the frisbee from a given point and hit another given point— sometimes a building or a sculpture. For each "hole" there is an assigned par and one wins by accomplishing the course with the fewest throws.

Since the game is played by actually throwing a frisbee into objects on campus, Campus Safety has deemed it necessary to take an active role in the game. Not in the way you are expecting, however. Campus Safety actually has a map of the course, accessible to all students and encourages them to play the game. Campus Safety Officer Tom Dougherty agreed, "I don't have a problem with it as long as [the frisbee] doesn't hit people, cars or damages property." He continued, "The people who are playing seem to look out for others so they don't hit them."

Campus Safety Dispatcher Patti Fry commented, "It gives [the students] something to do. It keeps them occupied."




And keep the students occupied is exactly what it does. Junior Jon Mandelbaum commented, "It's something to do on campus cause there ain't much." He added, "It's also a good way to procrastinate and put off studying as long as I can."

Judging by the number of frisbee golf players, there are a ton of procrastinators here at Muhlenberg, who make their appearances during the day and at night. Some players, like sophomore Tom Power, Jr. "prefer playing during the day because [he] can see better."

Other players, like Queenan are pretty neutral on that subject. He explained, "I like that the campus is lit up at night so that you can play at night, but I also like to play during the day. I appreciate both aspects of it."

In addition to alternating between day games and night games, Queenan, who is a reknown frisbee golf player , also "alternates between golf disks and regular frisbees." He explained further, "The golf disks are harder plastic, more aerodynamic and fly farther."

It takes more than a good frisbee to b a good player, though. Queenan estimates that he plays about five times a week now and that during freshman year he played about fifteen times a week. No doubt, this amount of practice has yielded him a top score of 20 throws under par.

Senior Jeff Graham, who has been playing frisbee golf for the past four years is another star in the frisbee golf world. In fact, Graham played his best game representing Tau Kappa Epsilon in Greek Week and ended the game 19 throws under par. For one of the greatest players on campus, Graham is not that competitive a player and is pretty humble about his success. He explained, "I am in more competition with myself than with anyone else. I'm not that competitive with others. I just like chucking it around."

Evidently, the frisbee golf world is made up of mostly males, but there are a few females who have dared to step foot on the course. Junior Jess Hirsch explained, "My boyfriend needed someone to play with." She admitted, "It felt awkward because I was the only girl out there."

There are many different reasons why the Muhlenberg women have not become avid frisbee golf players like so many of the guys on campus. Queenan speculated, "On a sunny day, the girls would rather tan or do other stuff. They just don' t have the love for the game."

Power has different reasoning. He commented, "Guys just seem to have more free time. We like to procrastinate."

Sophomore Kevin Averell had a completely different take on the issue. He commented, "Guys are just totally radical at it. Girls couldn't play."

The plethora of guys and the minute number of girls on Muhlenberg's campus are not the only ones in the country playing this game. Mandelbaum commented, "I have a couple of friends at the University of Florida and they play frisbee golf all day."

Senior Richard Van Horn and Sophomore Shane Topping agreed, "We know at least nine other schools where they also play frisbee golf."

In fact, students are not the only people playing frisbee golf. According to Queenan, "There are professional courses all over the nation including one in Allentown at Jordan Creek Park." There is even a professional organization for these players, the Pro Disk Golf Association (PDGA) which sponsors tournaments.

The next time you are tempted to poke fun at the guys who seem to be aimlessly throwing frisbees think again, for frisbee golf has become a pretty serious sport not only on campus but throughout the country. After all, anything that has its own association has to be kind of important.

# Faculty tenure process deemed long and tedious yet extremely rewarding

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really the "context within which the others are reviewed," said Dretsch.

Tenure grants a faculty member the title of associate professor, which in itself brings a higher salary, professional validation and job security, and, perhaps most importantly, academic freedom. Tenured professors have the right to teach what they believe.

According to Marjorie Haas, one of the recently tenured professors, this includes teaching the truth as she sees it; she also said it means that she is not "coerced" into teach certain things.

All faculty are observed in their second and fourth years at Muhlenberg; in the sixth year, the process for tenure begins. The faculty member creates a profile of their career, documenting their teaching history, publications, research, service, and commitment. Then the department head, a member of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, and Dean Dretsch interview, observe, and review the candidates for tenure. They then make a recommendation to President Taylor and Dean Dretsch, who usually concur with the decision of the Faculty Evaluation Committee.

The Board of Trustees then reviews everything, and they are the final word in the process, which starts in October and ends with the Trustees meeting in April.

College officials agreed that the whole process is long and tedious. "Tenure is very valuable, desirable, yet [the process is] difficult," Dretsch said.

Haas said that "it is an honor to be recognized by the college. They have now made a commitment to me." This shows how important Muhlenberg considers its faculty. Haas feels very much at home, and has much respect for her colleagues.

Many times, receiving tenure is more important for faculty members emotionally over professionally. Being evaluated and granted tenure by one's peers is the greatest respect a professor can earn.

Yet, unlike this year, there are those who are not granted tenure; Dean Dretsch replies that this does not reflect poorly on the college.

For logistical reasons, a negative tenure can result because of staffing problems or other related issues. On a more real level, according to Dretsch, "Our standards are high, and the candidates need to measure up; it is a good thing, because the college is stronger. We have a better, more effective faculty."

Those recently tenured will be reevaluated in eight years to see whether or not they will be promoted to full professor.

"It is a delicate process which is strictly adhered to," said Dretsch. As a classroom observer, he leaves with two thoughts: "One, there is a lot of fine teaching at this institution, and two, that I envy the people in these classrooms."

# *Lost in Space* loses viewers with insubstantial plot

## *Effects the only special thing about this box office blockbuster*

by Mike Baldwin
*Weekly* Staff Writer

In some cases, history never should be repeated.

*Lost in Space*, the movie spinoff of the 1960s science-fiction TV show, opened a few weeks ago.

Because it seems to be a current fad in Hollywood to make movies based on old TV shows, audiences had to expect *Lost in Space* to be brought back sooner or later.

Similarly, audiences should expect little or no plot from these types of movies.

*Lost in Space* fits the stereotype.

The story, set 60 years in the future, revolves around the Robinson family, a clan who plans on making history by colonizing a distant planet called Alpha Prime.

Dr. John Robinson, the patriarch of the family, predicts that if the colonization goes well, everyone on Earth will soon call it home - for Earth rapidly is becoming uninhabitable because of the deterioration of the ozone layer.

The Robinsons' ship, the Jupiter II, is piloted by Maj. Don West (*Friends*' Matt LeBlanc), a cocky war hero who tries in vain to win

the affections of the oldest Robinson daughter. John Robinson, along with wife Maureen (Mimi Rogers) and children Judy (Heather Graham), Penny (Lacey Chabert) and Will (Jack Johnson), leave Earth expecting to colonize Alpha Prime soon.

What follows is a cheesy and expensive romp through uncharted space.

Special effects try to hide the lack of plot, and director Stephen Hopkins does well in hiding the blase storyline with explosions, spiderlike aliens, talking robots and fantastic chases through time.

Sandwiched between the beginning and the climax are scenes that are in no way related to one another.

One would think that if these scenes were taken out, the movie would not be affected in any way.

Likewise, the only members of the Robinson family who contribute anything to the trip through space are John and Will, the technological whiz-kid who saves the family on more than one occasion.

If the characters of Maureen, Judy and Penny Robinson were eliminated from the story, little would change.

The only character who stands out is the devious Dr. Smith, portrayed by Gary Oldman. Oldman's Smith is undoubtedly the most believable person on a ship full of two-dimensional characters.

Even LeBlanc's Maj. West has no depth.

Even though this film has beaten *Titanic* in the box office, *Lost in Space* can be a movie LeBlanc adds to his extensive list of disappointing films.

I'm not implying that moviegoers should skip *Lost in Space* altogether.

The climax provides a dazzling trip into an alternate universe where Maureen, Judy and Penny are dead, John must face his son at 30 years of age and Dr. Smith is now mutated beyond recognition due to a bug bite from one of the spiderlike aliens he encountered on the Jupiter II.

What ensues is a battle to change the past and save the future - with surprising results that will make you glad you sat through two hours of characters such as the whiny Penny Robinson and the pompous Maj. West. All in all, none of the characters are likable; most successfully annoy.

Although you might want to see it for the nostalgia, the special effects or the big name actors, be prepared for the fact that *Lost in Space* might very soon become "Lost in the Dollar Theaters."

# *Uninvited Guests* evoke laughter for a good cause

by Beth Freeman
*Weekly* Staff Writer

Muhlenberg's always entertaining comedy group, *Uninvited Guests*, performed to an excited, packed audience at the Red Door on Friday night. The great attendance helped the group reach their goal of raising $1000 for the Charity with the audience's dollar donations at the door and from their Flavor Ice party in the Red Door after the show.

Combining many forms of short-attention span comedy like short improvs, planned skits, and even some musical numbers, *Uninvited Guests* kept the audience laughing for over an hour.

Among the many funny performances, the most memorable were the lip-synch routine from the musical "Free to Be You and Me," the Mentos' commercial starring Michael Jackson (played by Ruben Ortiz) interrupting a gang fight, the barber-shop quartet version of Nine Inch Nails' "Closer," and of course, the short film, "Rescue 3011," a parody of Muhlenberg's own Campus Safety.

Although comedy is one of the most difficult arts to create, *Uninvited Guests* make it seem effortless. The audience on Friday observed a very carefully planned, refined and professional act.

The *Guests'* attention to detail like use of simple props in improv, great lighting in "Free to Be You and Me" and the impressive technical filming of "Rescue 3011" show their dynamic professionalism.

*Uninvited Guests* truly know what is funny, whether it is an elaborate film parody or if it is watching Ryan Gardner jazzercise in a lavender leotard and a silver, sparkly sweatband.

This group is undeniably hilarious and always consistent. No one left the Red Door dissatisfied or a straight face.

**To the Sisters of**
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**Valerie Lane and I would like to thank Alison Maconomy and Delta Zeta for having us speak about volunterism on Monday evening. We appreciate your geverous gift towards our favorite charities, and look forward to DZ's continued commitment to helping people in the future.**
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**Got problems? Need answers?**

**Just ask Betty and Bonnie!**

**Dear Betty and Bonnie,**

**Last Weekend, I hooked up with two women in the same night. I promised I would be faithful to each of them. I have been juggling the two for a week now and I am not sure what to do at this point. Can you help me?**

**Lustin' Love-Torn**

***Dear Lustin' Love-Torn,***

***Having so many women in your life, you must re-evaluate what each of them means to you. Do you have a better time with one of them? Do you feel more comfortable with one over the other? Maybe you should think about these questions before you make a decision. You don't necessarily have to pick one girl over the other, becuase if you don't have an interest in either of them, then it is time to move on. It is not fair to lead them both on without them knowing. Quit***

# Your *Weekly* Horoscope
## *Don't leave home without it*

### Aries

Looks like your bossiness might have gotten the best of you this week, Aries. In fact, you've been getting uptight about things that really shouldn't bother you so much. Try taking a step back and re-evaluating before you go ahead and follow your headstrong nature. You'll find that you shouldn't be taking things so seriously.

### Taurus

Looks like you've been enjoying yourself quite a lot recently, haven't you? Perhaps a little bit too much...At the end of the semester, it's everyone's natural inclination to party like rock stars, but you seem to be taking this even further. Stop and take a look at yourself and what you've become! It's not looking so good, is it now? Maybe you should cool it for a while.

### Gemini

Stressed much? Academia has certainly taken its brutal toll on you this week. Try to put it all behind you and let loose this weekend. After all, it's the only release you have before finals. You're only in college once, and you're a social being, so act like one! This is the one time in your life that you can take advantage of it. So live it up while you still can

### Cancer

It seems like life just isn't treating you the way that you'd like it to, is it Cancer? Maybe if your mood was a bit brighter, this wouldn't happen. Things are tough for you now, but this will not last. Stop fretting--things will certainly look up soon. Just take a deep breath and keep an open mind. You might just find solace in the most unexpected places.

### Leo

So you did it again, Leo. Why do you keep putting yourself back in the same place over and over again? No good can come of what you're doing. Recently, you've definitely proven the old cliche "bad habits die hard." Try not to make a repeat performance, though. You've been down this road too many times and it's never led to what you wanted. So cut your losses and move on. You'll be the better for it.

### Virgo

Your activities and intentions seem to be the topic of converastion lately, haven't they? Remember, "there is no such thing as bad publicity" and "the only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about." Everyone will find some new controversy to jump on and you'll be off the hook. Until then, keep your head high and suck it up.

### Libra

Well Libra, you seem emotionally spent this week. Is it from classes or is it about the upcoming weekend? Either way, try not to bite other people's heads off in the process. After the final crunch of classes is over and your final "party" weekend has come to a close, you'll have things more in perspective and things will go back to normal.

### Scorpio

You certainly are a master of manipulation, aren't you Scorp? Why don't you think about what you're doing to those around you, the people you call your friends? Most of us wouldn't use anyone so blatently, but you admit to doing it to your nearest and dearest. One day, you just might get called on it and actually have to deal with what you've said and done.

### Sagittarius

The wool is being pulled over your eyes once again, and you just don't see it. Maybe that's because people are good at hiding things, but more likely you're just in the powerful and safe holds of denial. Take a look around and don't ignore the warning signs that are flashing in front of you. Take control of your destiny.

### Capricorn

You're awfully chipper lately, Capricorn. Would that have anything to do with your encounter last weekend? Nothing like a little romance to brighten someone's life. Besides, with spring in the air, it's only natural. You're starting to let yourself get bogged down thinking about the end of the year and where you'll be when summer comes. Don't stress out too much. You'll figure it all out.

### Aquarius

Even though the weather is warm, it doesn't give you license to slack off completely. Concentrating at the end of the year is an undeniably difficult task, but you can't throw all caution to the wind this late in the semester. You can't let everything you've worked so hard for go to waste. Grades are too crucial.

### Pisces

Your personal traits which have always been impressive have been shining even more brightly recently. You've been spreading genuine sunshine to everyone you encounter, refreshing all of us. No matter how adverse the circumstance may be, you always seem to find the best in it. Your outlooks are refreshing.

## Benfer Bash!

Saturday (at Benfer!!!)

2-8pm: games (velcro wall, dunk tank, human bowling, sumo wrestling)

4-8pm: BYOB for 21+

4:30-6:30pm: Dinner at Benfer

5:30-8pm: band "Armidillos"

## MAC Study Break!

Sun. May 3rd

3:00 pm

Movie: "Good Will Hunting"

Free Ice Cream!

## MAC Movies:

Friday, April 24

6-8pm: Raiders of the Lost Ark

8-10pm: Indiana Jones & the Temple of Doom

10-12pm: Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade

Saturday, April 25

8-10pm: Ace Ventura-When Nature Calls

10-12pm: Ace Ventura-Pet Detective

Sunday, April 26

5-7pm: Back to the Future

7-9pm: Back to the Future II

9-11pm: Back to the Future III

Red Door Cafe

Movie: "Good Will Hunting" Red Door Cafe

Fri. May 1st: 9pm Sat. May 2nd: 9pm Sun. May 3rd: 3pm & 9pm

# Class President Shares Reflections and Memories of the Class of 1998

**by Mark Urban**
***Weekly* Guest Writer**

It's hard to imagine that we have already arrived at the end of the semester. When it was 150 days we all laughed at the novelty of graduation. At 100 days, graduation was still very distant and we adopted a safe form of denial. Then at 50 days, the end appeared in sight. This week, we look ahead and see the Senior Ball, last day of classes (this time for good), Senior Week and May 17th, Graduation Day.

Muhlenberg College has been good to us. And the Class of '98 has been good to Muhlenberg. Quite simply the Senior Class has been amazing in so many different ways. The leadership, scholarship, achievement and charisma of its members continually show throughout every college event. Our Class quickly raised funds with the active support of its members. The 150, 100, and 50-Day Celebrations proved to administration that seniors can have fun without trouble. Our Class Gift fundraising reached its goal of $10,000 with ease as seniors participated more than most other classes.

I would like to thank the Senior Class for all its help and support over my presidency. I can say that I truly loved being your president and I hope that the Class Council's efforts made a difference in your senior year. Melissa Margaritis, Brett Coplin and Blaec Croft did an amazing job as your Class Council. I hope everyone will thank these Class Council members sometime before graduation. I know that I am thoroughly indebted to them for the hard work and time that they devoted to the Class of '98.

Finally, I would like to thank our advisor, Brian Mauro, for all his invaluable assistance. Mauro was recently chosen the Student Council's College Staff/Faculty Member of the Year and this award is well deserved. Becky Grace has also provided immense support and indeed, we consider her the co-advisor of our class. These two individuals show a work ethic and genuine care for the student body that makes Muhlenberg a special place. I would also like to thank in no particular order, Loretta Carver, Jane Bu, Melissa Wardwell, Dean Ehrenberg, Kathryn Taylor, Tricia Smith, Matt Weinstein, Amy Jeffries, Chip Hurd, and Michael Bruckner for their assistance throughout the year.

That goal that has consumed our time and efforts for the last four years now looms in the near future. Soon we will don our black gowns and square hats. We will march one by one to receive our diplomas. There will be laughter, tears, hugs, and suddenly we will find those words we had always meant to convey to special people never could. And then we will leave Muhlenberg College.

Let us use the remaining time to add to the collective memories that we will take back from Muhlenberg. Let us find time to be with those friends that we have bonded with over the years and also those that we may have lost touch with during the years. Let us also forget past rivalries and disputes, forgive and forget and forge a lasting peaceful memory of our class members. The Senior Ball will officially kick off the beginning of the end for seniors. Senior Week will soon follow with a week that is unlike any we've ever experienced. And finally, let us find time within our last 25 days to enjoy those activities that have made being at Muhlenberg so enjoyable.

After the graduation ceremony ends and our black robes have been put away, after the parties die down and our rooms are all packed, after we say our final good-byes and get into our cars, do not be saddened. For though we will soon be dispersed across the nation and even the world, we will always be comforted by each of our promises made to all—"I will one day return to Muhlenberg."

# Housing Lottery Promoting Mass Hysteria in Seegers Union This Week

**The View From 2400 Chew**
**by Ellen Gerber**
**Asst. Entertainment Editor**

The most recent edition of Barron's deemed Muhlenberg a "highly selective" college. This implies that the students who are accepted to Muhlenberg are a pretty smart group of kids. However, I think I have come across some contradictory evidence. You see, this past Tuesday lottery numbers were distributed and I think that Muhlenberg students got a little confused as to what was actually being distributed. I fear that many students failed to notice the operative word in the phrase "housing lottery."— That being the word "housing." If you were in Seegers Union anytime between 1:30 and 3:00pm you know of what I write. And if I too, had not been awaiting my lottery number, I would have had no idea what was going on. The basement of Seegers was packed with students. One would have thought that an actual lottery, one that yielded money was going on, as opposed to one that yielded a slip of paper.

Anyhow, it seemed that each Muhlenberg student had his own tactic. Some were standing in front of their boxes, staring into them, with penetrating looks, as if this would expedite the placement of the piece of paper into their box. Who knows, maybe they thought that their stares could actually have a positive effect on their number.

Anyway, the standing and staring was nothing compared to the pushing, shoving and running. One girl actually fell. Some students, who had not received their number yet, were looking into others' mailboxes in order to see what number these random students had received. If the number was a good one (like 9 or 19), these students would actually curse the person to whom the mailbox belonged. Others took a more scientific approach to the whole scenario. A group of guys walked by me spouting something about the laws of probability. Shrieks of excitement and groans of disappointment were also abundant. Optimistic (maybe unrealistic is a better word) freshmen, who received good picks were screaming, "We got Benfer." Dissatisfied sophomores were screaming, "I might as well live in Walz."

I don't know what to make of all of the anticipation, excitement and disappointment, which I witnessed on Tuesday afternoon, except that it was refreshing to see Muhlenberg students enthused about something other than Greek Week. Now maybe Muhlenberg students can enter into the "highly enthusiastic" category in Barron's. We just won't tell them that all of the excitement revolved around the housing lottery.

# Discussions of People Are More Significant Than Those of Events

**Worlds Apart**
**by Dylan Lane**
***Weekly* Columnist**

A long time ago, in a land not so far away, a young gentleman set out on a journey. He was from a small town in the hill country of Rainbow province. The Rainbow province was called such because within it lived many different types of people. The inhabitants were spread out about the countryside in small towns, each with its own atmosphere and respective culture.

The young man had lived in the hill country all his life and was curious about life in the villages of the Rainbow province. His voyage first took him to the town of small minds. In this town the villagers immediately befriended the young man and were quite curious as to why he had come there.

One villager took a particular interest in the young man, his name was Two-ears. Two-ears wasn't a large man, but was quite outspoken and would stop on the street sometimes to listen while the other villagers talked. Two-ears often spoke with the young man about the townspeople. Two-ears told him quite vividly about each ones life, their habits, and their secrets. The young man was amazed at the manner by which Two-ears spoke to him; it was as though he knew everything about all the villagers business.

The next morning the young man arrived at the town of averages. In this town, as the young man soon discovered, the people were perplexed with events. Events occurred each and every day in this town. The most striking part of this behavior was that everyone took time out from their daily routines to join in the days activity.

The first day the townspeople gathered at the local stadium for a chariot race, the next day the young man watched a political debate, another day everyone gathered at the amphitheater for a play, each day the young man witnessed a new activity. After each daily activity, the young man participated in customary post-event deliberations. The deliberations, which followed each days activity, gave the townspeople an opportunity to discuss the activities which they had just seen. The people in the town of averages would compare opinions and implications stemming from the events they had just witnessed.

The young man enjoyed the days activities; however, he became quickly tired of the intense deliberations, which followed each days events. One day, while everyone else was watching a chalk drawing instruction, the young man walked out of town unnoticed. After leaving the town of averages, he set out for the town of ideas.

The villagers in the town of ideas didn't talk about their fellow people very much, they didn't concern themselves with daily events too much either. However, what they did discuss were some very broad topics. Theories, ideas, and hypotheses abounded. The townspeople would often stop along the footpaths to discuss a book, a letter, or a new intellectual interest they found.

The young man soon discovered that the citizens would connect certain ideas and trains of thought. The people in the town of ideas didn't just talk about the weather; they attempted to judge what type of year they were going to have (i.e., if the rain was going to supply sufficient water for their crops).

One day the young man noticed a fellow reading a very thick book; the book was from the hall of records. The young man asked the fellow, "why are you reading such a thick book, and what bearing does this book have on the future?

The fellow answered, simply stating that he intended to predict the changing weather patterns based on things gathered from the past. The young fellow liked the town and decided to remain there, discussing thoughts and the weight of certain theories and universal truths.

The moral of this story relates to a piece of advice that a friends mother once gave me. She said, "Intelligent people discuss ideas, people of average I.Q. discuss events, and small minds discuss people." I often wonder why people hang out together. Is it because they conform easily to different situations or because different situations force conformity?

# Letters to the Editor

## The McCarthy Hearings of Muhlenberg

This is dedicated to any student of any organization who has had to put up with this most harrowing situation.

Any experience on this campus reminiscent of the Nuremberg Trials following World War II, is an experience which warrants absolutely NO respect of the student body. We can all agree on that issue. Now before I go on throwing a slew of insults and epitaphs at the Finance Committee (which I am truly tempted to do), I will simply inform the community of my wonderful experience with that cheerful group. (sarcasm) This semester, I worked out a simple "dry bones" budget consisting of only those expenses that my organization absolutely needs to function on. There were no "hidden" expenses, and the budget was a conservative one to say the least. However, as every semester goes, the almost zombie-like committee members, as if they are brainwashed to some supreme leader or force, ask the exact same questions that were asked last time around. "What is this?", and "What does this stand for?". WHY DON'T YOU LEARN ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU ARE FUNDING RATHER THAN WASTE BOTH OUR TIME AND YOUR TIME?????? Is it too much to ask that our student representatives take the time to spend a day or two with the organizations which they fund? They could learn of the operations and perhaps make better decisions before blindly, and unfairly dolling money out as if it were some Monopoly game. I would certainly HOPE that you do not consider dolling money out to be a game.

You must remember as a group, that since you are a democratic organization, you derive your power **specifically** from the students, and from nobody else. Do not forget that. Also try to remember that you are **not** yet in law school, business school, or in a profession of any sort. So please, next time around don't put on the act like you are of a higher power of some sort than the student organizations because, you **most certainly are not**! In fact, it was specifically written on the early allocations sign up sheet that the committee "HATES" to wait for people to arrive. You hate it do you?? Well, you will wait all night, if necessary, for the students have more power in their hands than you will **ever** dream of in your existence.

**"So please try next year to make the process a little less intimidating, and a little more humane."**

Perhaps, I am being too harsh on a committee that tries its best to supply student organizations with ample funding. But in reality, does it really take that many people to make a budget?? I personally know business people that prepare multimillion dollar budgets single-handedly without issue. So what is all the big fuss? Why do 11 people have to give one or two defenseless student organizers so much trouble? I felt like an accused government subversive in a McCarthian atmosphere. I am trying to run a student organization and make the student body happy. That is all. Why must I go through an inquisition to be funded. **It is absurd!!**

So please try next year to make the process a little less intimidating, and a little more humane. One last thing. A man once said "SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS!" while leaping from a balcony in a theater. If you are unfamiliar with the incident, look it up. This is what I wish to say to the individual in charge of the finance committee. Yes, this one goes out to that special senior: SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS!

Bearing it all,
Steve Kessler '00

## "Uninvited Guests" was a Huge Success

To the Muhlenberg Community-

On Friday evening, the Red Door was packed and the audience could not stop laughing! "Uninvited Guests" is a group of hilarious students...Ian Alderman, Ken Baldino, Daniel Deblasio, Ryan "Snoop" Gardner, Adam Matyseck, Elmer Moore, Ruben Ortiz and William Von Roth. On hand to help with sound and video were Sam Stein, their manager, and Paul Adams, Scott Lazar and Brendon Pilder.

Their shows surpass any comedy group we have booked...they are true professionals and I look forward to working with them next semester.

Not only is this group out to entertain the crowd, they are a great bunch of guys. They worked very hard to raise $1000 to go towards Turning Point Shelter, a domestic abuse center in Bethlehem.

Thank you for an enjoyable evening. I could not stop laughing, especially during the aerobic routine and the Campus Safety video.

Becky Grace
Director,
Student Activities

## Opinion Editor Stepping Down From Section

An Outside Perspective
by Mark A. Koup
Opinion Editor

So this is it. My Last column as Opinion Editor of *The Weekly*. No tears from here, because I plan to continue writing for the *Weekly* next year. I can't help feeling a little sadness, however, because I have become rather attached to this newspaper.

It has been an adventure working for both Jay Faigenbaum and Larry Carney. Each Editor has his own distinct style, and although I often disagreed on principle with both of them, I respect each for their efforts. Jay and Larry each put considerable effort into the paper, and today's issue of *Weekly* is an example of how far the paper has come in just three semesters.

C.J Lenat, Brian Teta, Louis Alloro, Larry Carney, and Jillian Lovejoy have made working for *The Weekly* a pleasure form day one. Work is not work when we go to battle with friends.

This has been an unbelievable and extremely valuable experience for me. I have learned more than I ever though possible.

I also thank everyone for reading this column. I appreciate all of your feedback, and welcome it again next year.

George Saitta will assume the duties of the Opinion Section. I wish him well, and hope that he may have the same experience.

## Larry Carney Retires

To the Muhlenberg Community:

At about this time two years ago, I was reading an open letter to the Muhlenberg Community discussing the desperate state of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. In the letter, then Editor-in-Chief Jessica Gullickson wrote that *The Weekly* might be ending its 110 year tradition on this campus, because no one wanted to be involved in the production of the paper. As a bright-eyed freshman, I was thrilled by the idea of becoming a member of the newspaper staff, thinking that I would become a writer. I called the phone number and was called down to the office for what I thought was an interview.

I walked into the office and was asked one question, "What position do you want to have?" I told them that I wanted to become managing editor, which was the stepping stone to Editor-in-Chief. So without ever writing a story, giving a speech or passing a grammar test, I became the next leader of the newspaper.

I did know what I wanted to do with the newspaper however. In my first issue as Interim Editor-in-Chief, I wrote an editorial complaining about some of the panelists on Discourse Day. Dr. Jim Bloom responded to the editorial crushing the argument that I made. What excited me and inspired me was also something Bloom did say in the letter. Bloom complimented my editorial by saying that my refreshing dissent from the deterioration of *The Weekly* into a Public Relations Release Digest during the 1990s deserved some praise. That was what I wanted to do with *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. I wanted to return the student newspaper to the students. And by the way... I decided to make Bloom our faculty advisor.

That is what I hoped to accomplish as Editor-in-Chief. I didn't want to take stories from the public relations department and reprint them in the newspaper. I wanted to ask several stories and figure out what was going on. I didn't want to take things at face value. I also wanted students, our audience, to pick-up the newspaper. They should be reading about issues concerning them, not about the latest lecturer to stop by on campus.

We took a lot of risks and made a lot of mistakes in the process. When we first started out, we were too opinionated. Instead of letting the facts tell the story, our position on an event came through. Through these mistakes, we learned a lot. We took criticism, but fought through, knowing that we would be a good newspaper. We never realized how successful we were until last week when we found out that The Weekly is used in the classroom at Lehigh University.

I could not have made it to a news document without some very dedicated and tough-skinned editors. First, I would like to thank Brian Teta, my associate editor. Brian supported my climb to the top, always having encouraging words to say to me, even after Thursdays that made us want to hang our heads. Brian kept me focused on returning The Weekly to greatness. He also controlled me in situations where my head was ready to explode on Student Council and supplied me with many of the great one liners.

C.J. Lenat also deserves some recognition. Besides being 'grammar boy', C.J. is one of the most trusting people I've ever met. He is the most dependable editor, who delivered his section without worrying about whether 'was' or 'were' would be used correctly.

Mark Koup kept me sane a lot of the time, having my back even when my words were insane. He became an outspoken opinion editor, standing by his opinions like he does with his Philadelphia Eagles.

Jill Lovejoy became my puppet on Student Council, because I knew that I could never win a seat. She also was the Robin Quivers of our radio show, always bringing in the only substantial opinion.

The news section was nothing until Louis Alloro. He is the most dedicated editor since Jessica Gullickson. His dedication and organizational skills will allow *The Weekly* to become more efficient in the next year.

I would also like to thank Rudy Ehrenberg, Lynn Septon, Sue Snyder, Dick Cowen, Dr. Bloom and Mike Bruckner for being there to give last minute support as I began hitting deadlines and sometimes even missing them.

I loved my time as Editor of *The Weekly*. Thursday lunch will not be the same, knowing what everyone is reading before they read it. I can't imagine my life at Muhlenberg without *The Weekly*. I will have to though. I need to sleep more than three hours a night and be able to study for an exam for more than an hour.

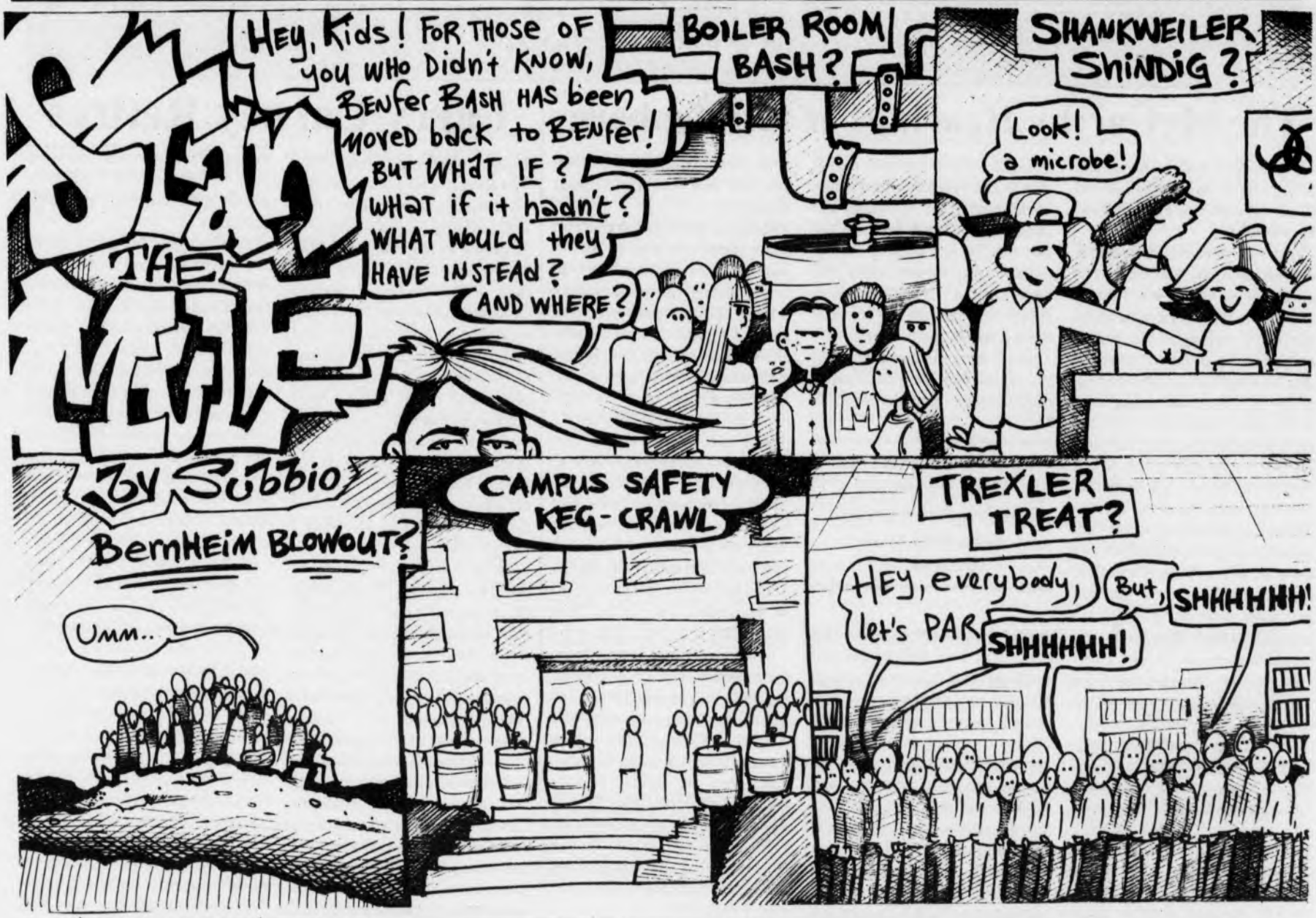
I hope I've been successful at returning *The Weekly* to greatness. It's been a great experience.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Carney, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief
The Muhlenberg Weekly

# Cartoons




Sag THE Mule
By Subbio
Hey, Kids! For those of you who didn't know, Benfer Bash has been moved back to Benfer!
But what if?
What if it hadn't?
What would they have instead?
And where?
Boiler Room Bash?
Shankweiler Shindig?
Look! a microbe!
Bernheim Blowout?
Umm..
Campus Safety Keg-Crawl
Trexler Treat?
Hey, everybody, let's PAR
SHHHHHH!
But,
SHHHHHH!

So... umm... we decided to actually do something this year.
STUDENT COUNCIL
I'll miss you guys!
-Larry
Same ol' StudCo
Wait- can he say that? I think he has to make a motion or something. And we blah, blah, blah, blah, blah

# Women's tennis team beats Johns Hopkins 5-4

## *Win over Blue Jays brings Lady Mules' season record to 5-6*

**by Scott Burke**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

"We've had a great season," said Head Coach Linda Andrews as she watched her team practice in the April afternoon sun. "It's been the best season for Women's Tennis since Muhlenberg joined the Centennial Conference in 1994. I'm thrilled with the team; they've done a great job this year. The success of our season, like our match with Johns Hopkins, came down to the very end."

For the second time in three matches, Muhlenberg found themselves in the do-or-die situation. The Cardinal and Gray took the match in the last game; in a parallel of the previous week's 5-4 victory over Bryn Mawr College, the fate of the team rested on the play of sophomore Julia Beyer.

And just like the Bryn Mawr match, Beyer triumphed again, notching another win for Muhlenberg.

The Mules came out strong against the Hopkins Blue Jays. They clipped the wings of two out of three of the JHU doubles pairs.

Freshmen Kerri Waldowski and Marissa Lutzer took victory by a narrow 9-8 margin, after winning a thrilling tiebreak 9-7. Sophomores Kristin Cahayla and Beyer claimed a comfortable 8-3 win.

Yet in singles play, the evil empire of Johns Hopkins University struck back; taking the first three matches and a slight lead in the totals.

The Mules were walking the knife's edge, one more defeat and they were finished.

As they have done all season, when the pressure was turned up all the way, the Mules exploded, dominating their opponents for the rest of the match.

It is an exciting brand of tennis, but one that would no doubt test any Coach's nerves.

So, with the entire match on the line, freshman standout Kerri Waldowski took the court. With precision, she dropped her opponent 6-2 in the first set, and then, as Waldowski lead in the second set 1-0, her JHU opponent found it impossible to continue and retired.

Lutzer competed next for the Mules. In two powerful sets, Lutzer would bring her win-streak up to seven, with a total won/lost record of 8 victories and only one defeat, as she dispatched her Hopkins foe, 6-2, 6-3.

There was only one match remaining. Beyer, just as she concluded the marathon victory against the Black Cats of Bryn Mawr, would be left to deal with the last of this match in Baltimore.

She started well, winning the first set 6-2. Then, in a fiercely contested second set, Johns Hopkins showed some life, fighting on to take it 7-5. This would be it, the match would be decided with Beyer's final set.

It was not even close. Beyer, focused and ready, blasted her rival 6-1. The match was won. As the records of the Centennial Conference shall show for all time, on Saturday, April 18th, 1998, Muhlenberg College beat Johns Hopkins University by a score of 5 to 4.

"It was a great match," reflected Coach Andrews. "When things got tough, they pulled together. They've done that a lot this season."

With only one match remaining against Ursinus College, the Mules will have the chance to improve their record to an overall 6 and 6 at home Wednesday, April 22nd.

As Coach Andrews said, "that will really put us up near the top of the Conference."

# Softball team beats Gettysburg, Messiah

## *Lady Mules defeat two highly-ranked teams to raise their record to 15-16*

**by George Lutz**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

With some clutch hitting, to compliment the usual dominating pitching, the Muhlenberg softball team was able to pull off a couple of major upset victories this past week.

Before facing two powerhouse teams

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| **Gettysburg** | **5** |

in Gettysburg and Messiah, the managed to break their three game losing streak by sweeping a doubleheader at Elizabethtown.

Led by "Ms. Consistency" Heather Dreby on the mound, the Lady Mules won the games 5-3 and 9-3. Dreby recorded her tenth and eleventh wins of the year.

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| **Messiah** | **1** |
| **Muhlenberg** | **2** |

The offense was provided in the first game by Christine Biechy, who had the game-winning RBI in the sixth inning.

In game two, juniors Carey Hilton, Ali Hatola, and Jackie Vanderstreet went a combined 11 for 13 at the plate to secure the victory.

Next up was Centennial Conference leading Gettysburg. With Dreby keeping the Gettysburg offense under wraps, Muhlenberg was able to muster just enough offense to pull off the 6-5 upset win in game one.

The big blow came when the Lady Mules were trailing 2-1 in the top of the fifth.

Liz Billie knocked in three runs with her bases-loaded triple. She would later score herself to put the Lady Mules on ahead for good.

The Lady Mules were not as fortunate in the nightcap.

Gettysburg scored three runs in their half of the sixth inning to cap off a 7-5 victory.

As if the game-one upset of Gettysburg was not enough, the Lady Mules came back to stun Messiah, the top team in the east region, just two days later.

It was the usual suspects getting the job done for the 'Berg in the first game. Trailing 1-0 I the bottom of the sixth, Carey Hilton tripled home Ali Hatola to knot the game at one apiece.

Hilton then scored the winning run on a Liz Billie single.

Dreby came through again as well, surrendering only one run on six hits in her 26th pitching appearance of the season.

In the process, she raised her overall record to 13-9, and dropped her ERA to 2.31.

*Amy Bleakly runs the bases in a recent game.*

The team's lone senior, Amy Bleakly, called the win, "a huge accomplishment."

"We fought them tooth and nail. It was just awesome to be part of the team."

With her clutch RBI triple, Carey Hilton broke the schools' all-time RBI record which now stands at 81.

Once again, they were defeated in the nightcap, but the damage had already been done, and Messiah was sent home with only their sixth loss of the year.

With the 4-2 week against some big time teams the Lady Mules (now 15-16 overall) will definitely gain some respect. Despite the fact that the Lady Mules have eliminated from conference title contention this year, things are certainly looking good for the team's future.

**For up-to-the-minute Muhlenberg sports information, call the 24-hour hotline at 821-3474.**

# Under Siege

**A weekly column exploring the problems of professional sports**

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

As this is the final issue of the *Weekly* for this semester, I thought everyone would like updates from past columns. So here you go...

**•Prince Naseem Hamed.** Hamed, the flamboyant boxer, defeated Wilfredo Vasquez in a seventh-round TKO on April 18th. Hamed is still the best bet for boxing to regain its popularity.

**•Casey Martin's fight against the PGA Tour.** Martin, the young golfer with the disabled leg, got his golf cart. The courts ruled that the PGA Tour was in violation of Martin's rights as a disabled American. Because of this ruling, Martin is now allowed to use a golf cart while competing in any PGA event, including the Nike Tour.

**•Latrell Sprewell suspended from the NBA.** Arbritator John Feerick reduced Sprewell's 82-game suspension to 68 games on March 4th. Sprewell is currently on the suspended list. He will be allowed to play basketball next season. Sprewell has expressed interest in signing with the Washington Wizards, where he will be reunited with former teammate Chris Webber.

**•Peyton Manning snubbed in Heisman Trophy voting.** Manning was selected first overall in the recent NFL draft by the Indianapolis Colts. Charles Woodson, the junior from Michigan who was awarded the Heisman, was drafted fourth overall by the Oakland Raiders.

**•Baseball expansion waters down pitching.** So far this season, major league baseball players have been hitting home runs at an outlandish pace. Many players, such as Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire, and Chipper Jones are on pace to break the home run record.

**•Perennial baseball frontrunners.** The Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves, and Texas Rangers, all perennial winners, are all either leading their division or are in second place.

**•Nykesha Sales' breaking the Uconn scoring record.** Sales' record, which she set with a controversial basket, still stands.

**•Members U.S. women's hockey team not allowed on Wheaties box.** The rules have not been changed; the five hockey players and all other amateur athletes who were not allowed to be shown in advertisements because of collegiate eligibility are still not allowed.

**•Women have no place in sports.** To everyone out there who took that seriously: IT WAS AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE! So please stop sending me hate mail.

**•J.D. Drew refuses to sign with the Philadelphia Phillies.** Drew has yet to sign. He will be available in the May 24th amateur draft.

Well, that's it folks. I hope you all have a great summer, and check out the *Weekly* next year for the return of my column, Under Siege Part 2.

# Profile of a Mule

***Weekly columnist Steve Faella reflects on the past four years of Muhlenberg sports***

**by Steve Faella**
***Weekly* Columnist**

The end of the year has reached us, and with that, another year of the *Weekly* has come to an end. Sadly, this is my final article since I will be graduating in a few weeks.

It seems like only yesterday I was sitting in the auditorium listening to Coach Olejack on the first day of mini-camp. Those memories are not the happiest ones in my four years here, yet there are still many good ones that I would like to reminisce about.

The first year here was one filled with many good things. On a personal note, winning the first football game against nationally ranked Hampton-Sydney at home was a great feeling.

I can still see Lionel Hush returning that interception in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. But who could forget the excitement spread throughout the campus when we hosted the first round of the NCAA's in soccer?

Seeing the whole school at the game was truly a sight to see. Yet, the biggest memory for me of the first year here was our basketball team winning the Conference Championship at home against undefeated, #1 ranked in the nation Franklin & Marshall. I can still see Matty Henrich poking the ball away to end the game.

There have been other memorable events throughout the years. The soccer team reaching the Final Four for the first time in school history; in any sport. Little Muhlenberg College had reached the summit of Division III soccer.

Perhaps the back-to-back championship run of our Lady Mules in basketball is what is most memorable. For those of you who like the green grass and good weather, maybe it was the unlikely title run of the golf team that brings a smile to your face. The point is that over the years there have been many things that I never expected to happen, that were a pleasure to say "I was there."

While these memories were nice, what I appreciate most was this article. It gave me the opportunity to help give some athletes the recognition they deserve.

Whether it was the star of the team or a role player, it was a privilege to interview all of those former profiles. I only wish that I had more time to cover other players as well.

For those that I never got the chance to cover, I apologize and offer the words that all athletes here at Muhlenberg should hold their heads high and receive the respect that they deserve; no matter the sport.

On a personal note, I apologize to Lauren Buyyounouski for not being able to write her article. I am sorry!

Anyhow, I have rambled long enough. I would like to thank those who found my article appealing. It was fun to write it for you. For Josh Northridge, I especially thank you for paying my article your respects in "The World According to Me."

I wish the best to everyone, and especially to our athletes; who go out and bust their butts everyday to represent you and your school. Keep it up, your hard work will not go unnoticed! To everyone Good-bye and God Bless, it has been fun!

Ruby Tuesday

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

**The Muhlenberg Fund Phonathon is proud to announce that Liza Snyder has been awarded *The Alexander Graham Bell Award* for being the Caller of the Week. She has been an ideal student-caller, exhibiting professionalism, maturity and poise when talking to Muhlenberg alums and parents. Her great ability as a fund raiser has been instrumental in this year's highly successful Phonathon.**
**As the recipient of the award, he has been given gift certificates donated by Ruby Tuesday and Outback Steakhouse, who have been extremely supportive of Muhlenberg and its students.**

The following students committed their time and energy to provide the College and the President with the resources to enhance the Muhlenberg Experience and to educate alumni, parents, and friends about the importance of annual support. The Muhlenberg students, faculty, and staff would like to thank them for their deep support of the College.

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# Profile of a Mule: Steve Faella

**by C.J. Lenat and Jess Hirsh**
***Weekly* Editors**

Steve Faella came to this campus four years ago to play football. Steve had not even played baseball in high school. Who would have thought that now, as he's about to graduate, he would be known for his outstanding play on the baseball diamond?

Steve came to Muhlenberg from Clarkstown High School North. While in high school, Steve lettered in football and track. He was All-League and All-Section in football.

Steve played two seasons for the Muhlenberg football team as a wide receiver and return specialist. After suffering from various injuries that sidelined him for the entire '97 season, Steve decided to give up his football career and concentrate on baseball.

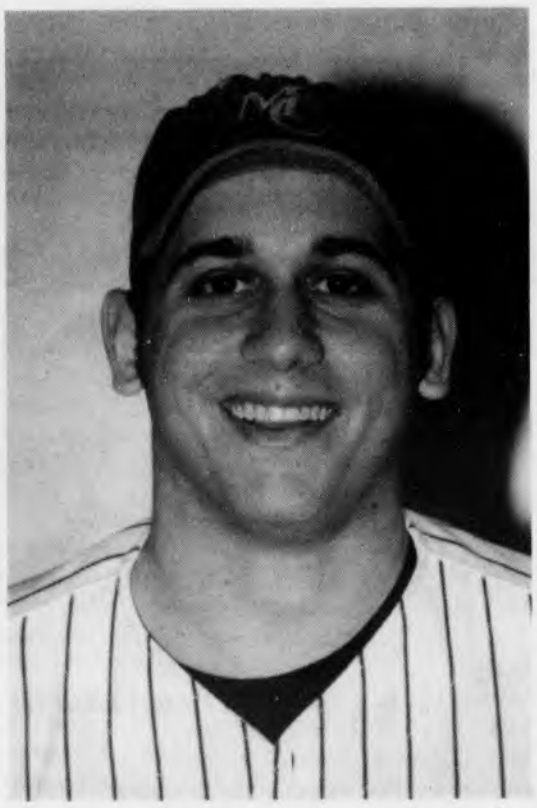
That was a good decision.

Steve hit .441 last season for the Mules, scoring 25 runs and crushing six home runs.

He was named to the second-team All-Centennial Conference squad. His .441 average was the third best in Muhlenberg history.

In a game against Kenyon last year Steve belted three home runs, a first in Muhlenberg history. He tied a school record with 12 total bases and drove in seven runs.

Prior to this season, Steve was named one of *Collegiate Baseball's* "30 Division III players to watch."



He has more than lived up to their expectations so far this season. Through 29 games, Steve has hit .325, scored 22 runs, and hit two home runs. He's leading the team with a .500 on-base percentage.

Steve has set a school record this season, by getting hit by 17 pitches. He has also become only the ninth player in Muhlenberg history to hit 10 career home runs.

Steve's teammates have nothing but praise for their co-captain. Fellow senior and captain Jason Jack said, "For the three years I've played with Steve, he always seems to keep everyone in the game. His commitment to the sport is an example all the young players should follow."

First baseman Dave Wolf added, "It was a wonderful experience playing with someone who wanted to win as much as Steve did."

Catcher Garret Pachtinger, who attended the same high school as Steve, may have summed it up the best. "Steve is a graduating senior who will be missed. For a young team on the brink of greatness, his leadership, dedication, and positive attitude has and will continue to be a model example."

## ON TAP WITH THE MULES

**BASEBALL:**
Sat. 4/25 home vs. Johns Hopkins @ 1:00

**SOFTBALL:**
Sat. 4/25 at Ursinus
Wed. 4/29 at Kean

**GOLF:**
Fri. 4/24 Centennial Conference Championships

**LACROSSE:**
Thur. 4/23 home vs. Widener @ 4:00
Sat. 4/25 at F & M
Tue. 4/28 home vs. Ursinus @ 4:00

**MEN'S TENNIS:**
Sat. 4/25 Centennial Conference Championships

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:**
Sat. 4/25 Centennial Conference Championships.

# Men's tennis team shuts out Dickinson, Moravian

## *Mules go on five-game win streak to raise record to 6-4 on the season*

**by Jonathan Tabak**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

As the regular spring season draws to a close, it is clear that the Men's tennis team has distinguished itself to be amongst the best squads in the highly competitive Centennial Conference.

Though the Mules began the season in March with a rather uninspiring 1-3 overall record and 0-2 Centennial Conference record, they have been a team possessed ever since.

The Mules have shined beyond articulable comprehension in April by going 5-0 overall and regularly defeating hapless opponents by wide margins.

At the onset of this incredible string of victories, there existed some degree of doubt as to the ability of the team to play in a consistent manner.

Certainly, this position was justifiable due to the fact that the Mules had followed three consecutive defeats with three consecutive victories.

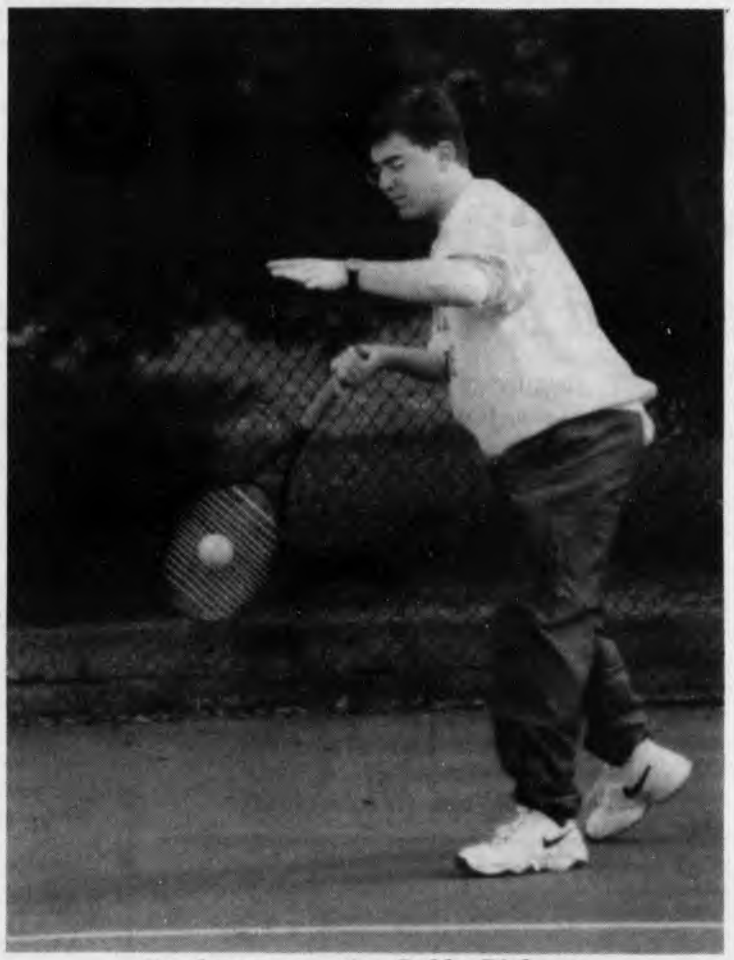
However, the Mules have succeeded in silencing their critics by continuing the winning tradition which they initiated at the onset of April.

Intriguingly, the victories earned by the Mules in April share a common characteristic: a large margin of victory.

While the scores of individual matches certainly were close in certain isolated instances, Mules opponents have averaged less than one point overall in all April matches.

Though shutouts are fairly infrequent at this level of play, the Mules have managed to defeat two opponents (Marywood and Dickinson) by the coveted 7-0 score thus far in the season.

Clearly, the foundation of the Mules' success during these past three weeks has been the stellar play of veteran junior captain Jared Shafer coupled with the consistently outstanding play of freshmen sensations Adam Evans and Robby Richman.



***Freshman sensation Robby Richman***

Shafer was recently awarded the Player's Player award for the second straight year.

However, it has been the ongoing team commitment to bettering their overall play that has enabled the Mules to take their tennis game to the next level of competitiveness.

Currently, the Mules have a 6-3 overall record and a 3-2 record in Centennial Conference play.

Next week, the Centennial Conference playoffs begin.

The Mules have their final regular season match at Centennial Conference rival Ursinus on April 22.

# Baseball team upsets Diplomats

***Junior southpaw Marc Lezinski picks up his fourth win of the season in 9-2 win over F&M***

**by C.J. Lenat**
**Sports Editor**

The Muhlenberg baseball team scored an upset this week with a 9-2 win over Centennial Conference rival Franklin & Marshall.

The win came in the nightcap of a twin-bill. In the first game, the Mules were shut out-6-0, only managing one hit off the strong F & M pitching. Marcus Mattielli had Muhlenberg's only hit.

In the second game, however, Muhlenberg pounded out ten hits and junior Marc Lezinski shut down the F & M offense en route to his fourth win of the season.

Lezinski has half of the Mules' eight wins on the season, and leads the team in strikeouts (46), innings (43), and is tied for the team lead in complete games with 2.

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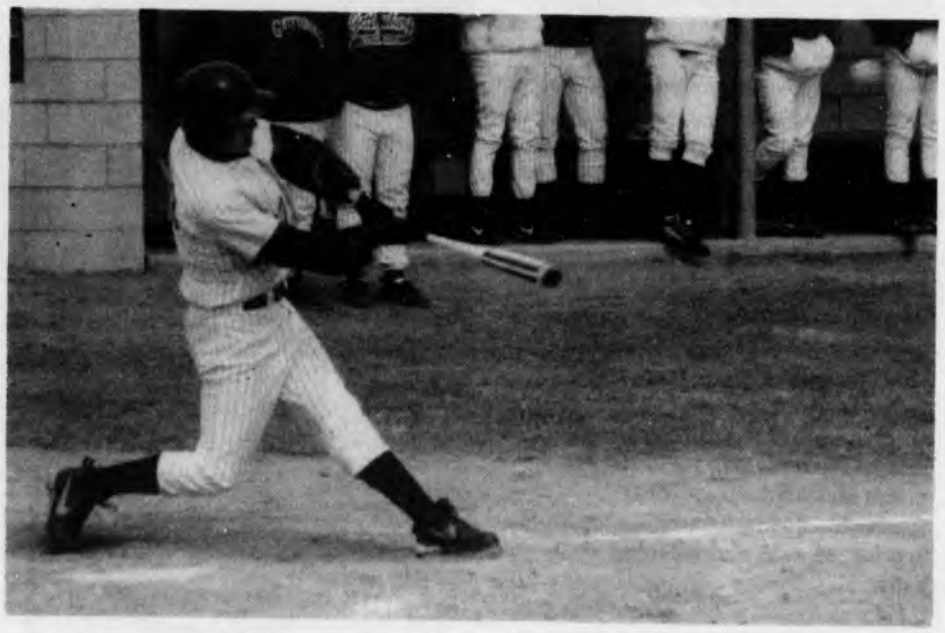
| Muhlenberg | 9 |

The top three batters in the Muhlenberg order, Dylan Sapir, Michael Cirillo, and Chuck Draper, each hit safely in each of the first two innings.

Draper ended the game with three RBI's. He leads the Mules in runs (25), hits (34), doubles (7), triples (3), and is tied for the team lead in home runs with 2.



*Sophomore Chuck Draper launches a shot in a recent game.*

Freshman Garret Patchinger had two RBI's with an infield single and a triple.

The win raised the Mules' record to 8-21 on the season, and 5-9 in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules next traveled to Haverford College Tuesday night, but were unable to pull out a win, losing 4-2.

Freshman Tim Haberbusch took the loss for the Mules, but pitched well, only allowing six hits over eight innings of work. Haverbusch struck out four batters and walked only one in the loss.

The Mules' offense stuttered, only managing six hits. Senior Steve Faella had two of those hits, including an RBI single.

The Mules have five games left in the season, all of them home.

They take on Moravian in a double-header this Saturday, then face off against Centennial Conference rivals Haverford and Johns Hopkins to end the season.

# Lacrosse team beats Susquehanna 19-7

## *Lady Mules, led by Katie Kenny's six goals, win two in a row*

**by Eric Hildenbrand**
***Weekly* Staff Writer**

The Muhlenberg Women's Lacrosse team defeated the Crusaders of Susquehanna 19-7 Thursday to earn their second straight home win. The win brought the girls record to 2-9.

The team has played considerably better in the last several games and hopes to close out the season with all wins.

The Lady Mules jumped out to an early 4-0 lead off goals from Shannon Lowthar, Allyson Crooks, Lindsay Kay, and Ashley Mawson.

The Crusaders then battled back scoring four goals of their own to tie the game with three and a half minutes remaining.

Muhlenberg responded with less than two minutes left with a goal by Miruna Lovin (4 goals and 2 assists for the game) to take a one goal lead into the half.

Muhlenberg drew first blood again in the early minutes of the second half on a goal by leading scorer Katie Kenny.

***"In the last four games, we have played the best we've played all season."***

Susquehanna countered with two quick goals to tie the game for the second time.

The Muhlenberg offense and defense then clicked, and the Mules exploded.

The team went on a 13-1 run led by Kenny who scored 5 more goals to give her six for the game.

The Muhlenberg defense and goalie Andrea Glecker (8 saves) held the Crusaders scoreless for the last twenty minutes of the game. The run gave the Mules a decisive 19-7 win.

Head coach Laurie Kerr was very happy with the win, especially with Glecker's performance in only her third start.

"Andrea stepped up and did a great job in goal," Kerr said.

Kerr also feels the team has been peaking during the last few games and has really picked up its play.

"In the last four games, we have played the best [we've] played all season," Kerr stated. "The girls are working hard."

The girls will finish out their season with two home games against Widener (today at 4:00) and Ursinus (Tuesday at 4:00) and an away game at Franklin Marshall over the weekend.

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## Seniors Say Goodbye to Friends, Faculty, and Muhlenberg

### *Graduates of 1998 ready to face life outside the bubble in the "Real World"*

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**News Editor**

As Commencement Exercises approach rapidly, many underclassmen wonder what is in store for their senior friends. What uncertainties lay ahead, after four years of dedication and commitment to earning a degree?

The graduating class of 1998 has actually been one of the most sought-after classes ever. Employers have had a high rate of competition for this class, instead of future employees competing for jobs. Some of this comes from the large retirement of the baby-boomers, who are of age to leave their jobs and offer them to the younger generations.

For many graduates, including Sylvia Figel, the search began in January with a visit to the Office of Career Development and Placement. This included using the Resume Expert, writing letters to offices and alumni, and finally having interviews both on campus and off.

Many seniors have already been offered jobs; numerous have accepted the "one" that looks promising and sent back the "no letters." There are also those among the class who wish to continue their education through graduate or medical school.

Before the career begins, though, seniors have to experience the freedom of college for one last time. For some, this includes the wedding of a housemate. Jason Jack will marry his fiancee on June 6, in company of his Muhlenberg friends. After the honeymoon, though, Jack will be teaching elementary school in the Harrisburg area or northern Virginia. A French major, Jack looks forward to sharing his passion for learning with children.

*Regina Lee and James Batrel on campus*

Figel, after replying to many companies, accepted a job as research analyst at Securities Data Company in Newark, NJ. As an economics major and French minor, she says it was her foreign language and study abroad which made her so appealing to employers. She will be sharing an apartment outside Hoboken with fellow graduate, Katherine O'Connor.

One graduate plans to make school work for him. David Garbe, a biology major, is working as a lab technician for the University of Pennsylvania, where he will eventually enter as a medical student.

Brian Dunfee, a chemistry major/music minor, also plans on continuing his education; he will enter either Temple University or the University of Pennsylvania this fall as a medical student, learning to become a doctor. Although some of his friends find this notion slightly frightening, others know and believe he will persevere and survive the grueling years.

Heather Brown, a double major in German and Communications, has found her work-study experience in Admissions to be rewarding and an area she would like to pursue. She is still interviewing with colleges to work in admissions departments, although Muhlenberg is her ideal. All of the colleges she has applied to are like Muhlenberg: small, private, liberal arts colleges in the Northeast area.

Regina Lee, changing to a physician's assistant program, will take courses this summer and apply for PA programs in the fall. Her best friend and boyfriend, James Batrel, will attend Texas Tech for graduate work in chemistry.

All of the graduates of the class of 1998 have promising futures ahead of them, be it a career or continued education. We wish them the best in whatever they do, and hope they remember Muhlenberg as the key to their futures. Muhlenberg has certainly prepared its graduates for life in the "real world."

## Brian Fishbone Named Valedictorian for Class of 1998

**By George Saitta**
**Opinion Editor**

There are a lot of words that can describe the completion of one's college career-fast, one big blur, ultimately exhilarating. Yet, whatever the case may be, our time at Muhlenberg College is a phase that comes and goes in our lives. Sometimes, we have to stop and ponder, "What is it all for?" Brian Fishbone, valedictorian of the "Class of 1998," brings a new perspective to this question.

On graduation day, Muhlenberg College will bestow highest honors and awards on those seniors displaying outstanding academic achievement over their college career. Essentially, academic achievement played an instrumental role in Fishbone's receipt of valedictory honors and the opportunity to speak at the head of his fellow graduating classmates. However, when speaking with Fishbone, he revealed how Muhlenberg College has provided him with more than an exceptional education in the academic disciplines of Spanish and Business Administration, but rather, a college experience that, ultimately, has changed his life.

*Brian Fishbone, class of 1998*

So, "What is it all for?" According to Fishbone, Muhlenberg College was a place to grow up, a place to mature, and a place that has provided him with the knowledge and skills to touch the world in his very own special way. Fishbone says his experience at Muhlenberg has been "very good! Excellent, I would say! I owe many of my achievements to friendships with faculty members and students which I have formed here at Muhlenberg College."

Uniquely, Fishbone's college career was more than textbooks and classrooms. He was actively involved in campus life and participated in numerous extracurricular activities. He served as Program Coordinator of the Campus Delegates, a Writing Tutor in Economics and Spanish, Student Director of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Entrepreneurship, and even studied abroad for a semester at the Center for Cross Cultural Studies in Seville, Spain.

Essentially, Fishbone stressed how Muhlenberg College presents its graduating seniors with a twofold gift-one that will catapult the Class of 1998 into successful careers and the fulfillment of hopes and dreams.

First, "It's a liberal art's state of mind. That is, an ability to think, write, and speak openly about one's feelings and emotions. Second, "It's an ability to work with people. Muhlenberg College teaches you how to respect the inherent similarities and differences found within a diverse group of people; to be a leader of a diverse group of people; and finally, to communicate with others on the

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# Nationline
## Senior Week Edition

complied by Jenny-Lynn Knotek, News Editor

***Seinfeld***, after nine seasons of laughs and one-liners, ends it amazing run this Thursday, not without disapproval from the American public. Jerry, George, Elaine, and Kramer, along with such favorites as Neuman and the Soup Nazi, will live on, if only in reruns and posters. Seinfeld plans to return to stand up comedy and possibly enter into the world of Hollywood.

**Chrysler and Daimler-Benz** merged this past week to create a $130 billion carmaking colossus, along with the world's broadest product lineup. Cars range from the $11,000 Neon to the $135,000 S600. The American/European market may not be ready for a merge of such strikingly different companies. The merge puts DaimlerChrysler at fifth in the market share of cars and trucks, behind General Motors, Ford, Toyota, and Volkswagen A.G.

**Vice-Corporal Cedric Tornay**, a member of the Swiss Guard and bodyguard to Pope John Paul II, shot his colonel and his wife before finally taking his own life. Although the official report said Tornay did it as a reaction to an adverse disciplinary action, the Vatican could not convince everyone that these reasons were true and just. Some, including members of Arci Gay, Italy's leading gay organization, believe Tornay was homosexual and the isolation and anger he was feeling finally built up.

**Bill Clinton will impose penalties on India** after three underground atomic detonations on Wednesday. Clinton offered the Indian government ways to avoiding paying the set economic sanctions, by disavowing future testing or deployment of nuclear arms. The new law will cut off all aid to India, bar American banks from making loans to its Government, and restrict export of equipment which may have military use.

**Indonesian security forces killed six students** and wounded at least twelve during a demonstration Tuesday. The 10,000 students had spilled over from the campus onto the highway, whiling singing and calling for President Suharto's resignation. When they refused to leave, the campus, security opened fire on the students, and clubbed protesters.

**Cabs in New York City** were hard to find Wednesday as taxi drivers staged a protest against new city rules that include fines for being rude. The Taxi Workers Alliance announced a 24-hour work boycott beginning at 5 a.m. with the idea of getting the city's 12,000 yellow cab drivers to follow suit. Traffic was lighter than usual and some popular taxi stands were vacant. The rules, proposed by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in an effort to make the city more civil, call for fines of up to $150 for ignoring or cursing customers.

# Senior Art Show Celebrates Graduates
## *Semester's work proudly displayed in Center for the Arts*

**by Allie Katen**
**Assistant Photography Editor**

Throughout the 1998 Spring semester, the seniors in Gregg Smith's Computer Graphics class worked diligently to create the catalogue for the Senior Art Exhibition.

On May 5, at 7:00 PM, the doors to the Center for the Arts opened as the senior art majors proudly displayed their work.

With a wine and cheese buffet, students, families, and faculty celebrated the effort, dedication and amazing talents of the senior artists with a reception in the Center.

"Of course, the exhibition would have never occurred, had it not been for the participation of every art professor, namely Gregg Smith and Dr. Lori Verderame, director of the Martin Art Gallery.

Also essential to the opening of this show were exhibition designer, Ashley Stryker '98 and Gallery Registrar, Pamela Fearing-Hassay.

Various media were presented in the art exhibit, including black and white photographs, charcoal drawings, metal sculptures, watercolor, oil, pastel and acrylic paintings, pen and ink drawings and works that incorporated various types of media.

*Students and faculty enjoy the reception honoring the senior artists.*

One such work was Robin Masinter's *Untitled* piece. Standing at 48 inches high, 15 inches wide and 13 inches deep, it was constructed of chicken wire, paper mache, spray paint and canvas.

The folloiwng seniors participated in this semester's art show:

Melissa Ciappetta
Samantha Dunn
Ellen Flaxman
David Garbe
Mark Grasso
Donna Healy
Barb Hinski
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***The Weekly* wishes 4-year staff member and editor, BRIAN TETA, '98 best of luck in his future. We'll miss you Brian!**
(We know you won't forget to call every Tuesday night next year.)

# Valedictorian discusses Muhlenberg

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friend and colleague level."

Upon graduation, Fishbone will pursue a career as a management associate in Sprint's Customer Service Division. After graduating, he will embark on a two-year training program with Sprint, which will take him to various cities across the United States.

A frequent question, appearing on the Muhlenberg College application of admission, is, "At your very first Muhlenberg reunion, where do you see yourself? Where do you see your classmates?"

Fishbone responded with a brilliant answer. "For myself, hopefully, I will have advanced within Sprint and/or have started my pursuit of a Masters in Business Administration.

As for my classmates, I am confident that everyone will be successful-however one's heart defines success."

# A Muhlenberg Year in Review from A to Z

**by Michael Ebert**
**Assistant News Editor**

**A** = Anniversary - This year marked Muhlenberg's 150th anniversary, and brought much celebration from the Muhlenberg community. Everything from sesquicentennial styrofoam cups to lampost banners could be seen in commemoration around campus.

**B** = Baker Center for the Arts - The C.A. will be expanded this year courtesy of an anonymous donation of $6.5 million. The addition will include a 350-seat Broadway-style theater, additional practice space, and a dance studio among other things. Additional campus renovations include the athletic fields project and the revamping of Seeger's Union.

**C** = Centennial Conference Champions - The Muhlenberg men's and women's basketball teams both won their conference titles this year. The victories were considered a great accomplishment for Muhlenberg athletics.

**D** = DTD - The Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Muhlenberg College was chartered this spring, making them an official organization and giving them on-campus recognition. DTD hopes to further its status by receiving housing in the near future.

**E** = Ehrenberg, Dean Rudy - See page 4.

**F** = Freed, Kathy - Muhlenberg alumni and outspoken Allentown resident Kathy Freed became the spokesperson for the Allentown community during the controversial procedures of the Housing Overlay Ordiance.

**G** = Grant - This spring, the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan awarded the college with a challenge grant of $650,000 toward the renovation of the athletic fields. Other donations included $250,000 from Muhlenberg alumni Alvin Butz and $100,000 from Fortune 500 company, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

**H** = Highly selective - Muhlenberg College was recently moved up to a "highly selective" rating in Barron's Guide. Previously, the college had been recognized as "very selective," but has since become more demanding in the admissions process.

**I** = Isaac I. Arroliga - In the fali, a painting by Isaac I. Arroliga entitled "Agusto Cesar Sandino, a Nicaraguan Hero" was made a part of the college's donation-collection during a cordial ceremony in the Baker Center for the Arts. The presentation was organized by Muhlenberg's student-based Comunidad Latina, and was their first major event as a club.

**J** = Jakob Dylan and the Wallflowers - The Wallflowers performed for the Muhlenberg community this November in what was seen as a disappointment. While the concert was described as "electrifying" and "incredible," ticket-sales were considered less than stellar.

*The Wallflowers*

**K** = Kennedy, Patrick - Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy was chosen as the commencement speaker to address the Class of 1998 at graduation on May 17. The Massachusetts Democrat will address students free of charge as a "favor" to the college.

**L** = Lisa Ansorge - Sophomore Lisa Ansorge surprised much of the Muhlenberg community by being elected Student Body President as a second year student. Ansorge emerged victorious in the run-off election between herself and junior Stefan Miller in what she called an "excellent race."

*Heather Marko*

**M** = Marko, Heather - Muhlenberg rising senior Heather Marko was outspoken in her efforts to express her freedom of speech, and was also allegedly hassled by Dean Ehrenberg for excercising her right. In November, she wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Morning Call in which she let the community know that not everyone at Muhlenberg shared the views of the college administration concerning the Housing Overlay Ordinance.

**N**= Norm MacDonald - Comedian Norm MacDonald received mixed reviews from the Muhlenberg community for his performance in the spring. Many people considered his humor offensive as he degraded homosexuals and promoted substance abuse.

**O** = Ordinance - The Housing Overlay Ordinance brought much controversy throughout the course of the year. Despite the Allentown Zoning Board's unanimous March 9th ruling to uphold the Overlay District adopted by City Council in October, the college continues to fight the law, citing its unconstitutionality.

**P** = Phi Tau - Next fall, the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity will return to Muhlenberg and hold official rush. The new house will be substance free, as the national board is hoping to change the image of the fraternity.

**Q** = Quindlen, Anna - The Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Anna Quindlen spoke to the Muhlenberg community on March 31. The event was free and open to the public as she focused on the issues of women and their roles in society.

**R** = Richard Whittington - Campus Safety Officer Richard Whittington passed away after serving the Muhlenberg community for over four years. Officer Whittington is survived by his wife and three children.

**S** = SigEp - Celebrating its 60th year at the college was Sigma Phi Epsilon. The founding fathers of the fraternity were initiated as Theta Upsilon Omega brothers, but when that national fraternity dissolved in 1938, some of the TUO chapters turned their membership to SigEp.

**T** = T.J. and Joel - In early February, the duo spoke to Muhlenberg students about "Friendship in the Age of AIDS." Their program offered Joel's personal story, and challenged Muhlenberg students to help one another make tough decisions about alcohol and sex. The two have spoken to more than 100,000 students at more than 150 campuses across the U.S.

**U** = Uninvited Guests - The student-based comedy group drew rave reviews from students throughout the academic year. One performance from the group raised money for the Turning Point Shelter, a domestic abuse center in Bethlehem.

**V** = Verderame, Lori - Director of the Martin Art Gallery, Lori Verderame, made noticeable strides with the online "Muhlenberg Masterpieces." She also showcased the gallery with such events as the Tibetan Monks' sand mandala and the African Art exhibit.

**W** = WMUH - This year marked the radio station's 50th anniversary at Muhlenberg. It was started in 1948 with ten members and a $25 budget. It is also the oldest community broadcasting station in the Lehigh Valley.

**X** = Exiter Police - The Exiter Police showed up at senior Lisa Andrews' parents house at 6:30 a.m. on February 11th when her car was identified as being stolen from the Phi Sigma Sigma parking lot. The thieves used Lisa's car to rob an appliance store in Exiter, PA, however, it has not yet been found.

*Lisa Andrews*

**Y** = Yanked! - Late in the spring semester the Muhlenberg Weekly was yanked from the college's internet archives. Reasoning for the act was controversial, with many people believeing it was pulled because of its constant portrayal of Muhlenberg in a "negative" light.

**Z** = "ZZZs" - Something the graduating seniors will be getting much less of now that they will be entering the "real world." Sleep, once cherished by Muhlenberg students on the weekends, will not be relished by graduates with real jobs and a career.

# Muhlenberg Graduates Share Memories of Muhlenberg

## *Seniors fondly recall the friendly people and atmosphere of the past four years*

**by Jenny-Lynn Knotek**
**News Editor**

After four years at Muhlenberg, much has changed for the graduating class. No longer scared, young freshmen, perhaps naïve at times, they have persevered through four years of a liberal arts college, chosen a major, and completed the required courses.

Outside of academics, these students have dealt with the registrar and closed courses, paid parking tickets, gone through the housing lottery, and yes, had campus safety and the Allentown Police Department knock at their doors. They have seen Bernheim House destroyed, the football field torn up, New West built, and Victor's Lament go from black to red.

But what will these seniors truly remember about Muhlenberg College, the place they decided four years ago would be their home, where they would either triumph or fail, love or hate? For many, it is not the education, or the buildings, but the atmosphere that they remember as "Muhlenberg."

For Sylvia Figel, the beauty of Muhlenberg will remain with her. "It's one of the prettiest places to live," she said. She will also miss the security of Muhlenberg, the comfort of being in a familiar place.

Jason Jack agrees: "I'll miss the familiarity of the campus, of knowing the set routine, and who to count on." In moving on to other cities and states, many seniors are finding the goodbyes more difficult than in past years.

The people are an important part of the Muhlenberg community. Heather Brown will miss the friendly atmosphere of the college.

"I'll miss walking down Academic Row and having people I don't know say hi to me."

On the lighter side, frisbie golf is not a sport that is looked upon favorably in the "real world." Rod Ward will miss rounds of frisbie golf with his friends.

Fraternities and sororities play a large part of campus life. Brothers and sisters alike will miss their own communities that have formed over three years. Brian Dunfee,a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, will miss the brotherhood.

Dunfee will also miss the faculty and the Muhlenberg family; he says "they've been there for me through it all; they've played a major role in my four years here."

David Garbe shares his opinion. "The faculty has made the experience, shown me the way; they've been there."

In leaving Muhlenberg, there is no easy way to do it. Many things will change in the next few months, but always remember that your friends and faculty at Muhlenberg are thinking of you and missing you too.

# Reflections and Advice for the Class of 1998

**One on One...**
**With Dean Ehrenberg**
**by Mark A. Koup**
**Associate Editor**

I sat down with Dean Rudy Ehrenberg last Wednesday to discuss the Class of 1998, Muhlenberg, and the first sunny day we have had since before finals. He was eager to share a few memories, as well as some advice for the departing seniors. Here is our conversation:

**Koup: Are the any memories of the Class of 1998 that especially stand out?**

Ehrenberg: This is the first class that I have seen progress from freshmen to seniors. It a sense, this is what makes then special to me. This class is enthusiastic, spirited, and dedicated to the college. They have made an impact on every facet of Muhlenberg: from athletics to academics. Also, the class has made significant contributions in areas such as theatre, dance, and community service. The most significant thing that I can say is that there is not an area in which we aren't better off than we were 4 years ago.

**Koup: What will Muhlenberg's lasting impact be on the Class of 1998?**

Ehrenberg: I think the members of the class will know who they are, what they want in life, and what they are prepared to give to others. They will also be prepared to take with them good judgement, honesty and integrity. Most importantly, they will know their core values, that is, what is most important to them.

**Koup: What can the Class of 1998 expect to see at Muhlenberg 10 years from now?**

Ehrenberg: Certainly they can expect to see all of our current projects come to completion. Technology will change our school, probably in ways that I am not smart enough to predict. Students will continue to be creative, curious, and active in what is going on. I expect student involvement to continue to grow. We can also expect unusual major and minor combinations to proliferate, as a result of students taking advantage of all their education can offer. Finally, Muhlenberg's reputation will be enhanced by the quality of our graduates. Satisfied parents will spread the word, and our selectivity will continue to grow.

**Koup: We have accepted the Class of 2002 that will increase our total number of students by over 100. How will our current infrastructure handle the difference?**

Ehrenberg: We have lots of things that have improved the current infrastructure. We have sjgnificantly increased faculty, as well as an additional residence hall and purchased more M.I.L.E. Houses. Our three projects underway will also contribute to the expansion of our current infrastructure.

**Koup: How well prepared is the Class of 1998 for the future?**

Ehrenberg: They are exceptionally well prepared. In many ways, they are fortunate to go into a better job market than classes of past years. I think that, for many members of the class, the challenging and defining moment of their lives is still ahead of them. It is our goal to prepare adults for their future, and this class id very well prepared. I would say that they are much more prepared than I was. They have a sense of what they want to do next, are much more organized, and are better off than we were a generation ago.

**Koup: If you could give advice to the Class of 1998, what would it be?**

Ehrenberg: I would tell them to find out what is really important to them, and then to do it. Also, I would advise them to spend time and energy to meet the needs of what matters to them. Finally, I would tell them to enjoy life, find time to spend with friends and with people they love and care about.

**Koup: Are there any other reflections that you want to share?**

Ehrenberg: These are the most memorable years of their lives. People also make some of the best friendships of their lives while at college. I would hope that they look back upon their years at Muhlenberg with a certain level of nostalgia, and a high level of satisfaction. I hope that when they look in their rearview mirrors after graduation, they have no regrets.

# Mark Urban to Leave Seniors with Some Words of Reflection

**by Louis Alloro**
**Editor-in-Chief**

Graduating senior Mark Urban is optimistic that he and his peers will make a positive impact in the "real world" and he is fortunate to be able to tell them so.

Urban was chosen from his entire class of by his fellow graduates to speak on Haas Lawn at the sesquicentennial graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 17.

Urban was originally chosen as one of twenty potential speakers and through an interview and voting process, he became one of five. The final vote led him to first place with Heather Brown coming in second. Brownspoke at the Champagne Brunch on Friday, May 15.

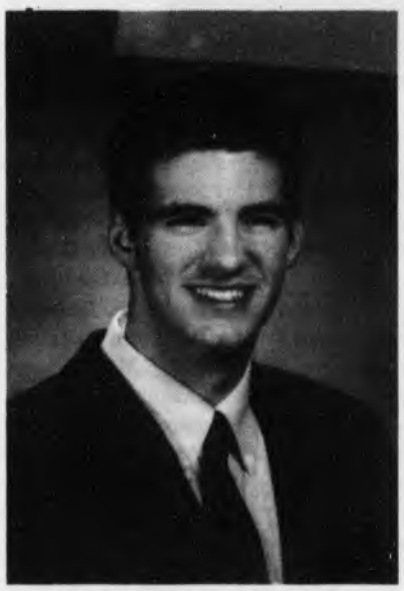
During the ceremony, Urban will speak on the future possibilities of his clasmates of which he feels there are many. He will stress his classmates' potential to make a difference in the world regardless of monetary retributions.

"Success, for me," he said, "is measured by happiness and helping others," he said.

Success is something Urban has certainly found at Muhlenberg. On campus, he has remained actively invovled in Student Council as Class President, his fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon, and the environmental awareness group, EnAct.

Assistant Dean of Students, Melissa Wardwell, said that "Mark is the kind of person that confronts injustice, unfairness, and inequity with action, not just words." She knows how important it is for him to protect and promote student rights and 'voice.'

With a B.S. in both Environmental Science and Political Science, Urban does not define success monetarily. Instead, he feels that people should do something they enjoy; something to help others. He said, "Muhlenberg has prepared us to do just that—make a difference and be successful. This is our social responsibility."



*Senior Speaker Mark Urban*

Urban is planning to take a year off before Graduate or Law school, and will work as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman McHale in Washington, D.C. He is struggling between pursuing a degree in law or biology. For now, a career in Environmental Policy is definitely a possibility.

Urban feels that Muhlenberg has definitely changed for the better during his tenure as a student. "I attribute this change partly to my class who has done a lot to see through its [Muhlenberg's] positive growth," he said.

Becky Grace, Brian Mauro, and Melissa Wardwell are three staff members Urban gives credit to for helping his peers come together into a strong, united class.

Wardwell said that "Urban is an all around great guy. I know he is going to make valuable contributions to the world around him after graduation. He has, regardless of the pun, left his 'mark' on Muhlenberg and I know he will do the same wherever life leads him."

Urban is excited to address to his friends and peers. He said that outside the classroom, he has learned so much from his friends here at Muhlenberg.

"I have interacted with so many great people," he said. "Our bond is intangible yet definitely there. They have taught me how to be a good person and I feel honored to address them at *our* graduation."

## Dean Rudy's Farwell to the Class of 1998

The Class of 1998 at Muhlenberg is the first class I have known throughout their four years.

The Class is a spirited, enthusiastic, and dedicated group. Each is hard working and conscientious. They have made their mark on all aspects of the college community: in the classroom, on the athletic fields, in the theatre and dance studios, with service to the community...and as friends to one another. As the Sesquicentennial Class, they have made the year a memorable one for the entire college community.

They have been veru successful at Muhlenberg and I am confident they will continue to distinguish themselves as alumni.

Good luck to each of you...and God speed!

## Senior Superlative Awards for the Class of 1998

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| *Best Dressed:* | Paul Perri, Ashley Stryker |
| *Class Clown:* | Erik Skinner, Jennifer Phillips |
| *Class Flirt:* | Scott Lippman, Nicole Carmean |
| *Class Klutz:* | Jeffrey Moses, Aimeebertha Knopp |
| *Class Partier:* | Sean Topping, Leila Arkins |
| *Cutest Couple:* | Jeffrey Graham, Gillian Sheeran |
| *Did Most for Class:* | Mark Urban, Melissa Margaritis |
| *Most Artistic:* | Paul Peri, Amanda Sciarra |
| *Most Gullible:* | Jarett Emert, Deborah Castaldi |
| *Most Intellectual:* | Samir Pandya, Christine McClay |
| *Most Likely to Succeed:* | David Silber, Denise Diorio |
| *Most Theatrical:* | William Vonroth, Jessica Swainbank |
| *Mr. & Mrs. Muhlenberg:* | David Silber, Georgette Weaver |
| *Quietest:* | Trevor Darrell, Karin Glupe |

# Family Ties Bind Seniors to Muhlenberg

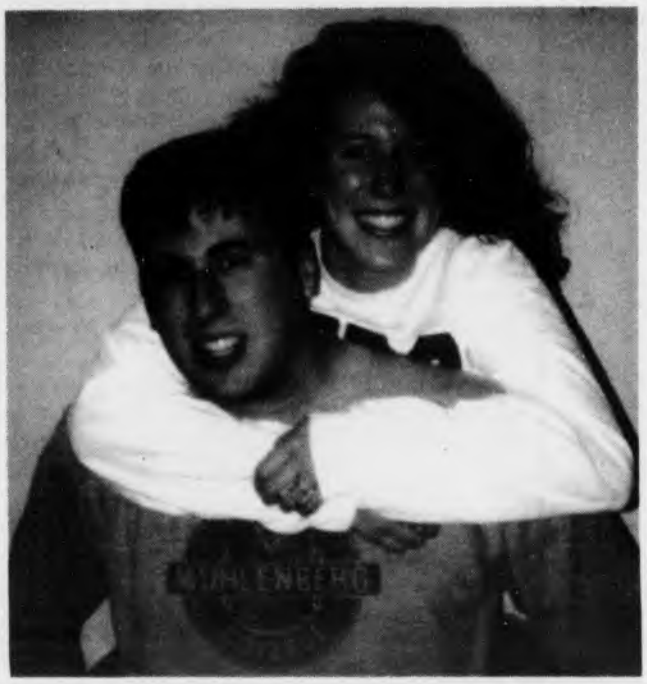
**by Ellen Gerber**
**Entertainment Editor**

Sibling rivalry is a phrase all too familiar to parents. As youngsters, siblings fight over toys and as teenagers they fight over anything they can. Although it may seem like an eternity to parents who have acted as referees for years, there comes a time when maturity takes over and siblings can actually talk to each other without a punch being thrown or a "shut up!" being uttered. Unfortunately for many siblings, this maturity comes too late and they find themselves at college thousands of miles apart. For a fortunate few however, attending the same college is not a nightmare, but a deliberate choice; one that has had many benefits.

As this class of seniors graduates, Muhlenberg College is not only saying good-bye to a group of bright and talented students, but brothers and sisters who have yet to graduate will be saying good-bye to siblings with whom they have shared Muhlenberg's campus.

Siblings who attend Muhlenberg are first to point out that there is much more than blood holding the duo together. Graduating Senior Eric Hohman said, "[Johan] is one of my good friends, not just a brother. I was excited to find out he was coming here to play soccer because I love playing soccer with him."

Brother Johan explained, "He is like no other brother. He was an inspiration on and off the field and will be for the rest of my life."



*Holli and Howard Elgart horse around at home and school*

The soccer bond runs strong between siblings at Muhlenberg. Three members of the soccer team are graduating, leaving their brothers and their teammates behind, which is a loss not only for the team, but for the siblings who are losing an ultra- familiar face on the field. Dave Ervin commented, "[I'll miss] playing soccer with Todd. This is the only time I've ever played with him, so that was a lot of fun."

Johan Hohman shared Ervin's sentiments, "It's going to be weird not having him on my side on the soccer field. The best part of having him here was playing on the same team."

Other soccer siblings, a bit less sentimental than those aforementioned, looked to the more practical benefits of having a brother on campus. Shane Topping, whose brother Sean is graduating, commented, "With my brother on campus, I always have a ride home."

Equally as practical (must be in the genes) Sean Topping explained, "With Shane living in the room next to me, I have a whole other wardrobe right next door."

This duo stands apart from the others however, not just because of their inherent practicality, but because Shane did not begin his scholastic career at Muhlenberg, but transferred to here his sophomore year. Shane explained, "Thanks to Sean, it was easier to make new friends and get to know people because he introduced me to many. He made the transition more comfortable."

Whether the transition is from another college, or directly from high school, having an older sibling on campus can help a great deal. Allison Teta was thankful for her older brother's help when she arrived on campus. She commented, "Having Brian on campus allowed me to adjust easier."

Holli Elgart, whose older brother was also on campus when she arrived as a freshman, explained "Because Howard was here when I first got here, I didn't feel as far away from home. It helped with the whole freshman transition thing because I had someone on campus that knew me really well."

***Brian and Allison Teta: Siblings smiling; going separate ways***

Not only do siblings know each other really well, but on a small campus like Muhlenberg's they also have the privilege of knowing what the other is doing, sometimes even when they don't want to. Howard Elgart commented, "The only bad part about having her on campus is that I would find out stuff that she did over the weekend that would make me mad, and she would hear stories about me that I didn't want her to hear."

Howard explained that it was worth it, however, "to have the chance to guide someone younger through her college experiences." He continued, "I enjoyed being that person in her life to help her through trouble and offer any advice when needed."

Holli is thankful for her brother's help and although "[she] was concerned that she would not be able to create her own identity on campus— apart from being Howard's sister, she has made a name for herself on campus.

The relationship that Holli and Howard share, as brother and sister is different from the relationship that two brothers share. The pairs of brothers are more like buddies and pals. Todd Ervin commented, "Dave and I always had a great time together. Hanging out with your brother is always fun."

Brother Todd Ervin agreed, "I'll miss going to his house and partying."

The Hohmans are not that different. Eric commented, "We hang out a lot [at school] and always have a good time."

Johan shared Eric's sentiments and even went so far as saying, "I will miss getting late night phone calls to pick him up from bars."

The problem with the brother-sister duo, according to Holli was, "He knew everything I did and I felt that sometimes he was too overprotective."

Howard agreed, "Even though Holli I and I went to school together for 13 years, here at Muhlenberg it is different because I am more of an authority figure. After the day of school when we lived at home, we went home to mom and dad, but they are not here now, so that leaves me."

Brother and sister duo Allison and Brian Teta had a different experience than the Elgarts. Senior Brian explained, "Because seniors and freshmen don't really interact much, we could see each other when we wanted to but not all the time. It was nice to have her here."

Sister Allison mentioned however, "It got a little too close for comfort, sometimes." But, she will miss "going out to dinner every Sunday with Brian."

The best part of having a sister on campus, according to Brian, "was having someone to go to when I needed to borrow money." And the worst?! You guessed it! "When she wanted me to pay her back!"

Seniors, however, are losing more than a bank, a second wardrobe, and a late night ride home from bars. Howard Elgart commented, "She became friends with my friends, but I also got to become friends with her friends, who I am going to miss a lot."

Strictly sentimental, purely practical, or a little of both, all of these siblings are moving on in life. Half are leaving college and the other half will learn how to live at college without the comfort of a brother or sister. All will suffer a great loss.

***TEAMMATES FOR LIFE***
***Standing: Eric Hohman, Todd Ervin, Sean Topping***
***Sitting: Johan Hohman, Dave Ervin, Shane Topping***

**Editor's Note:** To all you skeptics out there. . .
All sibling interviews were done independent of one another to insure honest responses. Brothers/Sisters were unaware of the other's responses.

# Your last *Weekly* Horoscope

**CAPRICORN**

You have accomplished a great deal in a short time. You have no doubts that you can continue to do get the job done. Just don't become too overconfident because then you might just let yourself down. You have the ability and the drive which will lead you to a bright future. Just take on what you know you can handle.

**AQUARIUS**

It's ok to be confused. Not everyone knows what they want. Get a feel for different things, whether it is a new sport a new job or a new activity. Soon enough you will figure out a route that is right for you.

**PISCES**

This is your time to be persistent. You have the time and the resources, so go for whatever you want. You have more time on your hands so you can focus and forge a path of your choice. Don't be afraid to seek help from others, along your path to success.

**ARIES**

Everyone else has the utmost confidence in you... You should too. Don't worry about making yourself look good to others because you already do. You have everything that leads to success except confidence. But, without that, you won't get very far. It's time to realize your true potential and then you will be able to finally reach it

**TAURUS**

Pay close attention to details. You have somewhat of a plan for yourself, but before you commit, make sure you can see the whole picture. As long as you heed this warning, everything will turn out o.k. Also, go ahead and trust your new colleagues.

**GEMINI**

You are a great communicator and this strength will help in any and all career choices. Renew relationships with old friends. Even long-distance friends will help to open up new opportunities. Also, don't be so quick to let go of the friendships that you have made at Muhlenberg. They could also be instrumental in your success.

**CANCER**

It is time to make your own place in the world. Step out of the shadow of another and forge your own path. Just be careful of those who have made promises, because they are likely not to follow through. Right now you need to trust yourself and get things done using your own strengths.

**LEO**

You will be able to let your creativity shine through. Use it in all aspects of your life. That summer job will be a lot more bearable if you look at it from a different point of view. You know, it doesn't have to be all work! Also, this is the time to work on an art project of some sort. Try making a picture collage and mail it to a friend from school. He/She will really appreciate it.

**VIRGO**

As usual Virgo, you are taking on too much. Although looking ahead is always good, you need to take a break. The work world will always be there. Don't worry, you can get to all those projects later. You will do a better job anyway, if you are well rested and enter with a fresh perspective.

**LIBRA**

Don't be shy, Libra. You must confront that person who has been screwing you over. If you don't, your productivity rate will go down and you won't get the credit that you deserve. Realize that it is time to stand up for yourlself. You'll be happy you did.

**SCORPIO**

You feel as if you have reached an impasse, you haven't. All it will take is a bit of determination and you will be able to get passed this apparent road block.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Money appears to be in your future. You will have to earn it, though. Just work hard and don't spend it all. After all, do you really need those new C.D's? Establish yourself first and spend later. Wait until the end of the summer and then you'll have a plethora of cash to burn.

# Muhlenberg's Proud Parents

"We are very proud and delighted that [our son] has accomplished what he has accomplished."
--Gary Tarola, father of Nick

"It's exciting to see [the seniors] doing well and moving on. Colleen has done what she went to Muhlenberg to do. I think that she realizes that these are some of the best years of her life. I am secure that she is going to do well."
--Carol Woods, mother of Colleen

"We are very excited that Greg is graduating. It is a very big milestone. The greatest thing that Muhlenberg taught him, was how to think. We are very proud of him."
--Harriet Polsky, mother of Greg

"We are excited for Jamie, but sad because she is our last daughter graduating form college. It marks a passage for us in our lives as well. I think that she has received a great academic education."
--David Anderson, father of Jamie

"Matt had a great time. The school did him a world of good educationally. Matt's pre-health, so it was the right school for him. I have mixed feelings about him graduating, of course, but I am overwhelmingly happy and proud."
--Lothar Frank, father of Matthew

"I am enthusiastic. I think it's fantastic."
--Brian Hoff, father of Michael

"Mark made us proud in the past and I know he will continue to do so in the future."
--Kathy Urban, mother of Mark

*compiled by editors of *The Weekly*

## Office of Career Development and Placement bids farewell to the Class of '98!

**Congratulations and Best Wishes,**

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**Stay in touch!**

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- Give us the contact information for the person in charge of recruiting at your organization
- Send us information about your organization
- Tell us what organizations you had interviews with/offers from

The Office of Career Development and Placement is pleased to announce that due to the generosity and cooperation of the Office of Information Technology, members of the Class of 1998 will be able to keep their campus email account through the summer.

# The Year In Muhlenberg Sports

*Mike Queenan of the Men's Basketball Team. Queenan scored his 1000th career point this season in leading the Mules to the second Centennial Conference Championship of his career.*

*Sean Topping of the Men's Soccer team. The team won the Centennial Conference championship, and made it to the third round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.*

*Junior Celina Boer was named to the 1998 District II GTE Academic All-American Fall/Winter At-Large Team.*

*The Women's Basketball Team celebrate their Scotty Wood Championship win. The women went on to win the Centennial Conference Championship, and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.*

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# The 1998 Graduating Athletes

**by George Lutz**
**Assistant Sports Editor**

It is so easy to watch sporting events and be amazed by the athletes who make the great catches, hit the game-winning shot, or score the game-winning goal. However, what is often overlooked and even taken for granted, is that many of these athletes who are entertaining the crowds are more to their teams than just gifted players.

They are leaders and teachers, whose responsibilities extend "behind the scenes" and "off the field." They act as an extension of the coach during competition, as well as a role model to their younger teammates during practice.

The importance of leadership to a team is immeasurable, and the success of a team highly dependent on it.

Fortunately, at Muhlenberg College this past year there was no shortage of this breed of athlete. Unfortunately, many of these leaders are going to be lost to graduation.

Whether it was Sean Topping leading the way in crucial games for Muhlenberg's conference championship soccer team, or George Fosdick trying to keep the football team together during rough times, the influence of the senior team leaders could not be underestimated.

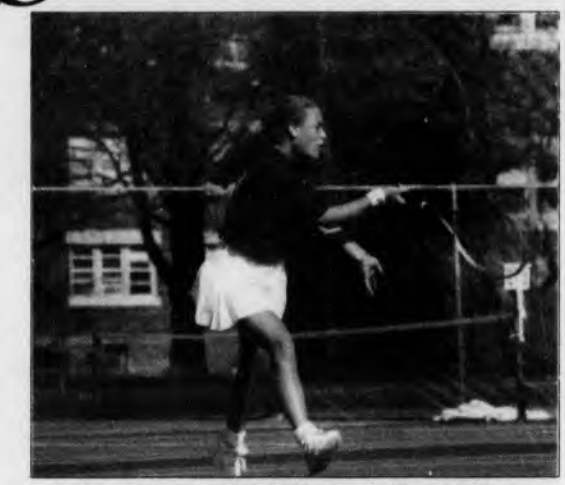
Despite being one of Muhlenberg's best quarterbacks ever, Fosdick was forced to endure some difficult times on the field. As a senior captain, Fosdick's aim was to," gain the trust of teammates, both on and off the field, and help the team become a family."

The winter sports season allowed everyone to see first hand the impact the that senior captains can have.

Powered by the strength of senior leadership from Sarah Bedi and Lisa Clarke, the girls were able to claim a conference championship. The men's team had the fierce and competitive nature of Matt Henrich, paired with the lower-key, but hard-working Mike Queenan to lead them to an upset conference championship victory against a great Johns Hopkins team.

Two-year track captain Joshua McHale stressed the importance of motivating his teammates. Amanda Sciarra, captain of both the women's field hockey and women's lacrosse teams, believes that the friendly team chemistry she tried to create off the field lead to more team success on the field.

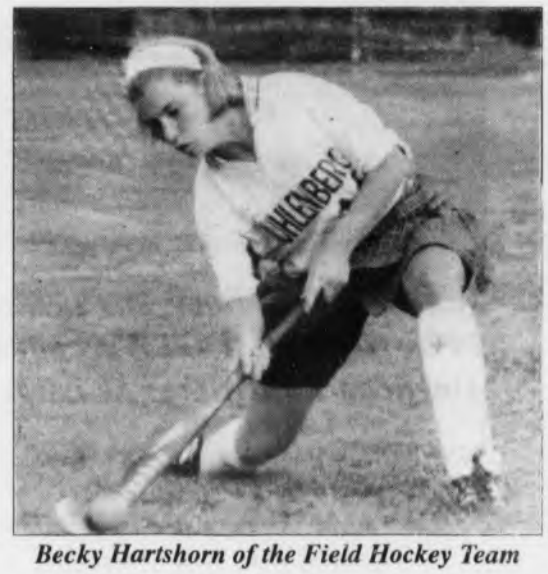
It is certainly not easy to find such a great crop of team leaders like the ones that have lead Muhlenberg sports so well this past year. They will all missed a great deal, and their efforts will definitely not be forgotten.



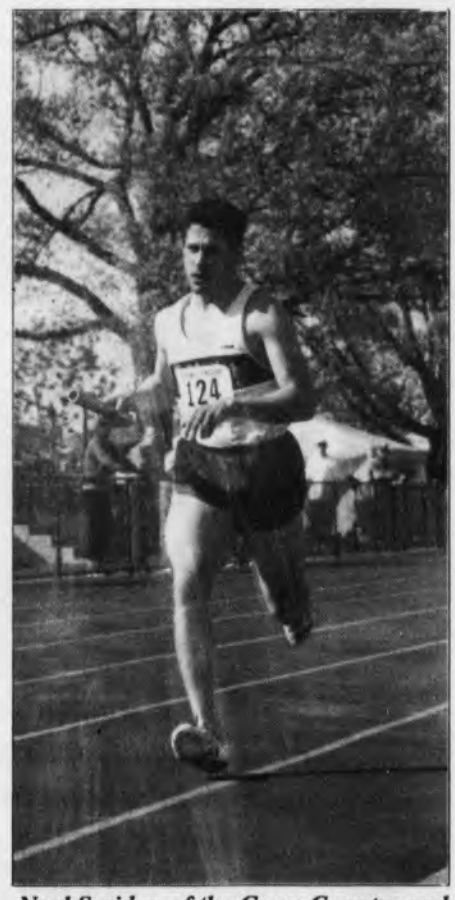
*Julia Hensley of the Women's Tennis Team*

*Rob Lobel of the Golf Team*

*Jim Socci of the Football Team*



*Becky Hartshorn of the Field Hockey Team*



*Neal Seridan of the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams*

## Baseball:
Steve Faella
Jason Jack

## Men's Basketball:
Jeff Graham
Matt Henrich
Michael Queenan

## Women's Basketball:
Sarah Bedi
Sue Carney
Lisa Clarke
Lauren Krakowski

## Softball:
Amy Bleakly

## Men's Soccer:
Todd Ervin
Mike Finn
Eric Hohman
Jason Kuhnel
Tim O'Donohue
Mike Schaffer
Sean Topping
Dan Wilkin

## Men's Cross Country:
James Batzel
Peter Dunlaevy
Carl Magdefrau
Josh McHale
Samir Pandya
Frank Scholes
Neal Sheridan

## Men's Track and Field:
Carl Magdefrau
Josh McHale
Neal Sheridan

## Football:
Steven Brady
George Fosdick
Frank Gripp
John Hennelly
Billy Howlett
Dave Johnson
Matt Lunn
Jason Novak
Paul Peri
Brett Sawyer
Jim Socci
Rick Van Horn
Cory Wohlbach

## Lacrosse:
Becky Dunbrack
Ashley Mawson
Amanda Sciarra

## Women's Tennis:
Julia Hensley

## Women's Soccer:
Denise Diorio
Laurie Kennedy

## Field Hockey:
Andrea Cook
Becky Hartshorn
Sarah Miner
Amanda Sciarra

## Volleyball:
Lauren Buyyounouski
Nicole Goscilo
Rebecca Lebo

## Trainers:
Anthony Buccafurni
Lisa Grandinetti
Aisha Nazario

## Golf:
Robby Lobel
Scott Olex
James Tulli

## Cheerleading:
Barbara Hinski
Georgette Weaver